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Dear Parents and Carers,

January Opening Information – Staggered Return & Mass Testing

Firstly, I apologise for this late communication. Unfortunately, the Department for Education (DfE) only released guidance yesterday regarding a staggered return to school following the Christmas holiday. The contents of this letter is subject to change, as at the time of writing, the plans from the DfE have not been shared with schools and colleges.

Below are the arrangements we have planned for following the Christmas break:

Primary

The Primary phase will be **open as normal** for all phases and the current 'drop off' and 'pick up' times and arrangements will remain the same. We look forward to welcoming all Primary students back on **Monday 4th January 2021**.

Secondary

Years 7, 8 & 9 – Students in Years 7, 8 & 9 should **remain at home until Monday 11th January 2021**.

Remote learning will be provided from **Monday 4th January** and can be accessed through Microsoft Teams as usual. Students should complete the work in their books ensuring they follow our expected standards of presentation. It is our intention that the normal school timetable will be followed; therefore, students should be ready and prepared to learn at the start of every lesson. Some lessons may be **streamed live, pre-recorded or the lesson resources shared** and therefore it is important students **follow their usual timetable** at the usual time.

Please note that there may be a difference in the remote learning styles depending on each individual teacher, therefore, not all lessons will be live. During this time, students should spend their time on the work that has been shared on Teams. Their class teacher will be on the 'chat' function to answer questions. All the information regarding remote learning is available on our website.

<https://www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk/covid-19/>

Years 10 & 11 – Students in Years 10 & 11 should return as normal on **Monday 4th January 2021**. Students will follow their normal timetable.

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Key Worker / Vulnerable Students – School is open as normal from Monday 4th January for any students classed as Vulnerable or Key Worker children. The below link can be used to determine if your child(ren) meet this criteria:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Can I ask that Parents and Carers of Year 10 and 11 students remind them of the changes to the start of the school day and the entrance points.

Mass Testing

The intention is that schools should be in a position to mass test staff and students from January. Again, I have no further information regarding how mass Coronavirus testing in schools will be implemented. I will update you as soon as I have more information on how and when we can facilitate this.

Please keep up to date by checking our website and social media platforms.

Website: www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk

YouTube: [grangeacademyruncorn](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgrangeacademyruncorn)

Twitter: @Grange_School

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It is obviously very disappointing that this communication came so late in the term; however, as always we will be in a position on Monday 4th January to provide an education for our students.

Once again, enjoy Christmas and the New Year.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Critchley
Principal