



THE GRANGE ACADEMY

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21st December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Revised Plans for Return to School in January 2021

As you will no doubt be aware, the situation relating to COVID-19 has been evolving quickly over the last week and, as a school, we are having to adapt our plans according to the new information we receive on a daily basis. In light of this, we are amending the arrangements for the start of term in January that were shared with you last week. Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Monday 4th January will be a usual school day for primary students but SECONDARY students SHOULD NOT RETURN until Tuesday 5th January. This to enable us to plan for the roll-out of testing over the coming weeks. As a result, school will be closed to all secondary students until Tuesday 5th January, when we expect students in Years 10 and 11, together with other eligible students, to return.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are not due to return to school until Monday 11th January. Home Learning for Years 7, 8 and 9 will begin on Tuesday 5th January, in line with their school timetable as per my letter on 18th December.

We are committed to playing our part in tackling the spread of the virus, despite the considerable logistical challenges presented by the current plans for testing in schools. At present, there is very limited information available to us and we expect to receive further guidance from the government in the coming days. We will share our plans with you in due course. If you are interested in volunteering to support with testing activities, please read the recent letter from the Wade Deacon Trust on our website and our Social Media platforms.

Thank you once again for your patience and support. We will continue to update you as necessary over the coming weeks.

Best wishes for a happy and restful Christmas and New Year.

Yours faithfully

Mr I Critchley
Principal

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