

31st December 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Ref: Rapid-result COVID-19 Testing for Staff and Students and staggered return in January 2021

Following our recent communication on the 22nd December and as a result of further government guidance, I wanted to up-date you as soon as possible with the following information:

Our school will be closed to all pupils on Monday 4th January in order to plan for the test and trace rapid-result process. In line with the latest government guidance we will be **open from Tuesday 5th January for our Essential School to vulnerable students and those of key workers**, as previously planned. For further information on the definition of vulnerable students and those of keyworkers, please visit the government website [here](#).

However, the government have now advised that **Year 11 will no longer be returning to school on Tuesday 5th January**, but the hope is that they will be able to return to school **on Monday 11th January**. If your child has an exam next week, **they will be continuing as planned** and further information, regarding arrival times and the safety arrangements in place, will be provided to those families affected on Monday 4th January.

If your child is in Year 7 – 11, qualifies for a place, and you wish for them to attend our Essential School from Tuesday 5th January, please register your interest by completing the form found in this link by 0900 on Monday 4th January; [Booking a place for Essential School from 5th January](#) We will confirm your place via GroupCall, by midday on Monday 4th January. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer need a place in our Essential School but have previously booked a place, can you please let us know on the following email address: adminoffice@iscaexeter.co.uk

Remote learning will be in place for all students from Tuesday 5th January. On the 4th January, we will update you with more details on our remote learning plan. Whether we are able to offer live remote lessons or whether we will ask students to access curriculum materials and work independently, students will need to follow their normal school timetable and log in to the respective Goggle classroom. All Google classroom codes can be found inside your child's Knowledge Organiser. We will also email these directly to you on the 4th January. Help, advice and guidance can also be found on our website: <https://iscaexeter.co.uk/school-life/parallel-curriculum/>

Current guidance suggests that **all remaining students will be able to return to school by Monday 18th January.** However, we are expecting there to be further guidance issued over the coming week and we will provide you with a further up-date on Monday 4th January. This update will also include information for any students eligible for Free School Meals and will contain details of our testing arrangements.

Thank you, as always for your continued support and best wishes for the New Year.

Kind regards,



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