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Dear Parent/Carer,

Covid-19 Update – January 2021 Arrangements

As we all reach the end of an unprecedented first term of the academic year, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and cooperation as we have all got to grips with school-life during Covid-19. Our staff have been doing all they can to keep our school open following our return in September and along with The Heath Family (NW) Trust and our Local Governing Body, I would like to pay tribute to their remarkable commitment.

With the festive break fast approaching, we also face the ever-evolving guidance that sets out how school can play its part in fighting the Coronavirus pandemic. Some of you will no doubt have seen news stories in the last 48 hours surrounding the rollout of Rapid testing for secondary schools and changes to arrangements for the first week back for our students in the New Year.

Whilst we await further guidance to share with you around the rollout of Rapid testing, I am able to set out updated arrangements for the first week back in January below.

Originally, all students were due to return for normal lessons on 4th January 2021. With the joint announcement by the Secretaries of State for Education and Health on Thursday afternoon however, there will now be a staggered return as follows:

- Monday 4th January is now an INSET day – therefore no students will attend school on this date and there will be no remote learning taking place.
- Year 11 students will return on Tuesday 5th January, at their normal time of 9.10am for face to face teaching.
- Vulnerable students, or students whose parents are critical workers will return for face-to-face teaching from Tuesday 5th January, at their normal start times.
- All other students will have access to remote education from Tuesday 5th January until the end of the week, but will not return to school for face-to-face teaching until Monday 11th January.

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We have provided blended learning materials for students who are not returning to school until 11th January and staff will be on hand in school to support during normal lesson times. Please contact school urgently through vfarmery@prescotschool.org.uk if your child have misplaced their login details.

Please note, that children are expected to follow their normal timetable whilst working from home.

Vulnerable students and students with critical worker parents

Gov.uk guidance/definitions available here: <http://bit.ly/2WrTVQI>

If you are a critical worker and your child needs to attend school in the first week, please complete the simple form available from the following link: <http://bit.ly/2Wo7gJE>

We will look to keep you updated should any additional new guidance be issued, please check our website/Twitter feeds for latest news and arrangements. This will include further detail on when Rapid testing will be available in school.

It is regrettable that we are only able to advise you of these changes to our planned return in January at this late stage, but I hope you will continue to support us to implement the recommendations provided, in order to continue to protect our school community.

I hope you have a safe and restful break.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A L Kennedy
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