



ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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By Email

31st December 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Return to school after Christmas

I hope you have had a good Christmas and that you have been able to spend some quality time with your families and friends.

Many of you will have heard the announcement yesterday from Gavin Williamson about delaying pupils' return to school. I am writing to provide you with an outline of our plans as they currently stand. In line with Government guidance, we have changed the date on which some year groups will return to school following the Christmas holiday:

Week Beginning Monday, 4th January:

- **Monday, 4th January** – staff INSET day to plan for the new rapid mass testing and online learning. **No pupils should attend school on this day.**
- **Tuesday, 5th January** - pupils whose **parents are critical workers, and who do not have alternative care arrangements**, can apply for their children to be educated in school from this day onwards. Please email: parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk

Please make sure you have completed the consent form (attached) for Covid-19 testing in school as they will be tested on that day. This form will also be sent out as an online form which can be completed without a printer.

- **All pupils in Year 7-13** must access remote learning (via Teams) from **Tuesday, 5th January**. Timetables for remote learning will be made available on the school website on the morning of the 4th January.
- **We will start to test pupils as per the schedule attached and you will receive an email with an invitation in due course with your child's allocated time for arrival.** Your child must have a completed consent form to enable testing to take place.
- **Monday, 11th January** – **pupils in Year 11,12 & 13** return to school for face-to-face lessons and their second test. Years 7-10 will be tested during the week beginning 11th January and will be invited in at set times to be advised.
- **Pupils in Years 7-10** will return to school for face-to-face learning from **Monday, 18th January**, assuming they are symptom free and have not been told to self-isolate.

All pupils have been given Microsoft Teams login details. Further guidance will be sent out on Monday 4th. Any pupils or parents experiencing issues with their access to remote learning, or needing technology

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support, can access support by emailing:

it@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk

The IT support for this will be available from Monday 4th January.

We wholeheartedly support this government's initiative to test children and staff. In the best interests of safety and continuing education, our target is 100% compliance. Please complete and return your child's consent form for testing as soon as possible.

Please note that those children eligible for free school meals will be contacted as to the provision of vouchers.

If you have any questions, please contact parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk

I hope you enjoy your new-year celebrations and that 2021 is happy, peaceful and healthy for you and your family.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AR', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alex Rosen
Acting Head of School