



FITZHARRYS SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you and your families had a good Christmas, and that everyone is well.

Following yesterday's government announcement on the return to school in January, I wanted to update you on our plans for the return to school from Tuesday 5th January.

As many of you will have read all secondary schools will be carrying out mass testing of staff and students, and we have been given a week to train and prepare the school for this. We are supportive of the positive impact that mass testing could have, and we intend to make best use of the time given to us to ensure we can carry it out effectively.

Therefore, as set out in the government guidance, for the school week commencing the 5th January (we have an INSET day on Monday 4th), Fitzharrys will only be open for our vulnerable students and those whose parents are critical workers. We will then be welcoming our year 11 and 13 students back into school from the 11th January. All other year groups will then be returning from Monday 18th January.

Remote Learning

Whilst students are not in school, we will be providing remote learning to all students. The remote learning provision will commence on the following dates:

Year group	Date remote learning commences	Date of return to school
Year 11 and Year 13	Tuesday 5 th January	Monday 11 th January
Year 12	Tuesday 5 th January	Monday 18 th January
Year 9	Wednesday 6 th January	Monday 18 th January
Year 10	Thursday 7 th January	Monday 18 th January
Year 7 and Year 8	Monday 11 th January	Monday 18 th January

For the first week of term we have prioritised our exam groups, alongside year 9 who have missed more school during terms 1 and 2. Whilst year 7 and 8 will not have directed teaching, their tutor or a member of the pastoral team will be in touch to check in and prepare students for remote learning.

Remote learning will be in the form of both live lessons and pre-recorded sessions, with students having a live tutor time each morning. This will be set on E-Praise and will use Microsoft Teams for live input. This is a further improvement to our existing provision, and we will be writing to you on Monday 4th January to outline how students can access the work. Details around the timings of sixth form exams will be communicated early next week.

