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MLR/kw/Parent letter/Spring Term 2021
31st December 2020

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

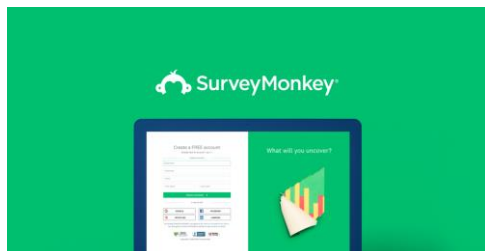
Further to my letter of 22nd December and in light of the new requirements in the announcements yesterday afternoon, I want to give all parents further information about the start of term.

Week beginning Monday 4th January

Students in Years 11 and 13 receive remote learning on Microsoft Teams from Monday 4th January. Students should follow their timetable for that week (please be aware of the new timings).

Students in other year groups can use Microsoft Teams to follow their new timetable from Tuesday 5th January where there will be live/recorded lessons or remote work set.

Key worker children, students with EHCPs and those deemed vulnerable can be supervised in school. Older students, who can work safely at home, are advised to do so wherever possible. Places for keyworker/vulnerable children must be booked using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MFKW687>



[Key Workers In The New Year](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MFKW687)

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The plan is that schools' testing programmes should be prepared in the week beginning Monday 4 January with a view to testing from Monday 11 January. This is still subject to change, as there is some uncertainty nationally about the implementation and roll-out of this programme. We will do everything we can to put it in place. I will send out more details about how we will conduct in-school lateral flow testing as soon as I have a clearer picture of the requirements.

Week beginning Monday 11th January

Students in Year 11 and 13 will return to school.

Students in all other year groups will receive remote education, following their normal timetable.

Week beginning 18th January

All students return to school as usual, following the new timings.

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We will spend all day Monday 4th January planning and there will be more information sent to you from this date about any test/exam weeks or data collections that may need to be rescheduled. I ask for your patience with this; the situation remains highly changeable and plans can be forced to change at short notice with new government guidance, but I am aware that as parents you need clarity about what we are doing with opening. As always, our priority is the safety and wellbeing of our students, families and staff.

In the meantime, can I take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy New Year and a hope that 2021 brings some welcome normality to life for us all.

With best wishes.



Ms M Roberts
Headteacher