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Dear Parent/ Carer

31 December 2020

Re: Return to school in January

Further to my letter on December 21st, and yesterday's announcement by the government, I am writing to inform you of the latest plan for the reopening of the Abbey Grange in January. Please note that there are some important changes to the plans that I set out in my previous letter.

The Academy will be **closed to all students on Monday 4th January** to allow for a Logistical Planning Day in order for us to begin making the necessary arrangements to provide on-site testing and to plan for the remote learning that the government have directed us to do at the start of the new term. Remote learning will not be provided on this day.

From Tuesday 5th January, the Academy will open to **vulnerable students and children of critical workers only**. We are currently in the process of contacting families of vulnerable students to discuss arrangements. Where a parent is a critical worker and will have issues in terms of childcare during this week, please contact the academy in advance of 5th January in order to let us know that they will be attending (by phone on 0113 2757877 or by email info@abbeygrangeacademy.co.uk). We would anticipate that critical worker provision will only be needed for students in our younger age groups. For all other students, face to face learning will be replaced by remote learning.

Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th January: All other students (except for vulnerable and critical worker ones) will remain at home and receive remote learning.

Monday 11th to Friday 15th January: Year 11 and 13 students will be in school attending lessons as normal. **All other year groups (Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12) will remain at home** and receive remote learning.

Week beginning Monday 18th January: All students return to school, unless self-isolating.

We are aware that some students have an external exam during the second week back and we will be in touch with these students separately to organise additional support.

I apologise for having had to change plans so soon after already writing to you but hope you will appreciate that we remain in a fast-moving situation. Should we receive any further guidance I will keep you informed. I will be writing to you at some point next week in order to give further information about the Covid testing programme, once plans are at a more advanced stage.

May I take this opportunity to wish you health and happiness in 2021 and thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Jon Norden
Principal

