



# Venerable Bede Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers

First of all, we hope that you have had a restful Christmas albeit different from usual. We wanted to touch base and update you on the current situation regarding our pupils' return to school in January. The Government are hopefully going to make some key announcements in the next 24 hours regarding the return to school dates for all pupils, mass testing for coronavirus, ongoing testing of close contacts, and how these things apply to us in secondary school. As soon as we have the information from these key announcements, we will share the detail with you around how this will impact on school and our families.

You will probably be aware that the government intends to implement mass testing across all secondary schools in England. We are currently in the planning stages of this and I am sure you will have many questions. Once we have a clear plan of how, when and where this will take place, we will share this with everyone.

The current situation as it applies to school is:

- School will be open to vulnerable pupils and the children of key workers from Monday 4 January.
- Y11 pupils return to school on Monday 4 January and will follow their usual timetable.
- All other Year groups will have remote education, where possible with staff delivering live lessons through Microsoft Teams, and additional work set as usual in FOLDr.

In the letter we sent out before we broke up for Christmas, we shared a link to the notification form for "Vulnerable Pupils and Key Workers". We would appreciate it if you could complete this form if you intend to send your child to school because they fall into this category ([Vulnerable Pupils and Key Worker form](#)). I am sure that you may have further questions, as we still do ourselves. Hopefully once the Government give us further details, we will be able to share how we intend to implement the key actions in school

Yours faithfully

Mr. D. Airey  
Headteacher

