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Dear Parents and Carers

The end of the term seems to have arrived as the term started with some uncertainty about schools and how they will run. The latest information from the government is that we may only open on 4 January to Year 11 students, vulnerable children and the children of Key Workers. All other children in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will work from home for the first week of next term.

If your child was one of those who attended in the summer term as a vulnerable child or because you are a Key Worker then your child will be able to come to school at the start of next term but their lessons will probably be following a different timetable, so they should also come with their PE kit. Please complete the electronic form for the Key Worker School using the button at the top of the front page of our website so that we know to expect your child on Monday, 4 January 2021.

If you believe you now fit into the Key Worker category and need your child to come to school also complete the Key Worker School form on front page of our website. Please note, you will need to provide evidence of your status as a key worker, for example employer's identity card or a letter on headed company paper confirming employment. Please attach a copy of your evidence and email it to [info@pcs.hants.sch.uk](mailto:info@pcs.hants.sch.uk), clearly stating your name and the name of your child.

All Year 11 students should be in school and their normal lessons will run. If your Year 11 child is unable to attend on 4 January please follow the normal absence procedures.

At the start of next term staff will be planning for the safe return of other students from Monday, 11 January 2021, alongside supporting children in school and those learning at home. Remote learning materials are on our website and should be used by children to support their home learning. We will also run live lessons once we know how much training and what other activities teachers need to undertake in the first week of term.

We apologise that this is late notice and recognise it may be awkward for you to make childcare arrangements for the first week of next term. The news yesterday was a surprise to us too. We will be in touch as soon as we have a clearer idea about the testing process we have to implement and how this will work at Park Community School. It may be that we are unable to confirm those details before the start of next term and they may of course be subject to change depending on government advice.

With our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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