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Dear Parents and Carers

You will no doubt have seen last night's news briefing where further changes have been announced for the start of term next week.

The latest information from the government is that we may only open on Monday, 4 January to vulnerable children and the children of Critical Workers. All other children will work from home, with Year 11 returning to school on Monday, 11 January and children in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 on Monday, 18 January.

### **Vulnerable Children and Children of Critical Workers**

If your child was one of those who attended in the summer term as a vulnerable child or because you are a Critical (Key) Worker then your child will be able to come to school on Monday, 4 January but their lessons will probably be following a different timetable, so they should also come with their PE kit.

If you have not already done so, 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. A full list of employment designated as Critical Workers can be found on the government website.

Please note, you will need to provide evidence of your status as a Critical 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.

We will contact parents and carers of any vulnerable children on Monday, 4 January to make arrangements for them to attend school.

### **Year 11 Remote Learning**

Year 11 lessons will all be delivered live via Teams next week. An overview of the work and all resources are available on our website and shared area. Students have access to these and should have downloaded the Teams app on the device they use - this can be a phone, iPad/tablet or laptop. Student planners and your 'Welcome back to Park booklet' all include reminders for logging on. They are also on our website. Teachers will email students invites to their lessons.

All Year 11 students should attend their lessons virtually according to their usual timetable.



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### **Year 7- 10 Remote Learning**

Remote learning will be set for all students in Years 7 to 10 via Insight and supported by Teams. Teachers will email students on Monday to remind them of where to access their learning. Remote learning materials are on our website and should be used by children to support their home learning. We will also run some live lessons for these year groups once we know how much training and what other activities teachers need to undertake in the first week of term. Teachers will email this information and put it on Insight.

### **Laptops for eligible students**

We have been able to loan a large number of laptops to eligible students to support with their remote learning. We hope to be able to loan some more. Early next week we will contact any further eligible students. If you believe your child is eligible and is currently unable to access their learning with your own device at home, please contact Mr Bryce on [j.bryce@pcs.hants.sch.uk](mailto:j.bryce@pcs.hants.sch.uk).

### **Covid Testing**

The government requires us to set up a testing facility for staff and students at the school. We will be setting this up early next week and will be in touch as soon as we can with consent forms and further details. It is likely every child will be expected to undertake Covid tests at school when their term restarts and as often as daily should they have been in close proximity to a positive case. The use of tests in school are intended to prevent the need for isolation at home. In this way school will be able to continue once term restarts rather than having groups of children at home isolating.

We apologise that once again this is late notice and recognise it may be awkward for you to make childcare arrangements for the first week of next term. We hope you have managed to have a good Christmas and thank you, as always, for your support.

With our best wishes for the New Year.

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