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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your families are well and you have had a restful break over the festive period. As you may have seen in the media, there has been a recent announcement from the Department for Education that affects when your child will return to Kepier.

Arrangements for learners at Kepier

- **Learners in Years 7-10** will follow their **Remote Learning programme** between **Tuesday 5th January and Friday 15th January 2021**. This will include their **daily Live Virtual Coaching group** at 8.30am.
- **Learners in Years 7-10 will return to Kepier on Monday 18th January 2021.**
- **Year 11 learners** will follow their **Remote Learning programme between Tuesday 5th and Friday 8th January 2021** including their Live Virtual Coaching group at 8.30am. **Year 11 learners will return to Kepier on Monday 11th January 2021.**
- Learners whose Parents are 'Critical Workers' or learners who are classed as 'Vulnerable' in line with government guidance are eligible to attend Kepier from Tuesday 5th January. If you would like your child to access this provision, please complete the Google Form by 2pm on Monday 4th January and we will communicate plans with those parents directly; <https://forms.gle/KtuoC33ADMgEmFq59>

Remote Learning

- It is an expectation that all learners complete their Remote Learning Programme, if your child is unable to complete work due to illness; COVID-19 or other, please contact your child's Year Manager who will communicate this information with staff.
- If your child does not have access to a device other than a mobile phone with internet access, we have a limited number of devices available which we are able to provide during this period. To access this support, please contact your child's Year Manager in the first instance.

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- If your child is unable to access any of the Remote Learning Programme, they can message their **Class Teachers directly via Class Charts** who will be able to support them.
- If learners fail to attend their Live Coaching session, staff will make contact with yourself to discuss this in further detail.

Learners eligible to Free School Meals

Learners who are eligible for Free School Meals will continue to receive a voucher and we will communicate directly with families this applies to on Monday 4th January 2021.

Lateral Flow Testing

We are working hard to keep our school as safe as possible. You may have heard that testing for those without COVID-19 symptoms is starting to be tested for in secondary schools using a Lateral Flow Test.

Along with the other protective measures that we are taking, these tests will help remain in school safely. Testing will commence on Tuesday 5th January (or as soon as we receive the tests).

A message will be sent via Class Charts advising what time they should attend the school site. Testing will be staggered to support government guidance. Each learner will need to complete 2 x Lateral Flow Tests, 3 days apart.

To enable Lateral Flow Testing to take place you need to give your consent, please complete the Online Form via <https://forms.gle/bu7n7zA74d9FzQbS6>

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The tests are quick and easy to complete by using a swab of your nose and throat. As our learners are under the age of 18, staff will oversee but not administer the swab process.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 using the Lateral Flow Test, you will be contacted and you will need to book a further test at a testing station. Any identified close contacts of

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the learner who tests positive should continue to attend school and will be tested every day at school for 7 days. **Your child will only need to self isolate if they test positive or we do not have consent for Lateral Flow testing.**

Reporting COVID-19 test results

To support with Kepier's tracing programme, if your child receives a positive COVID-19 test result during the school day, can you please contact your child's Year Manager at the earliest opportunity or email info@kepier.com with a screenshot of the NHS notification.

If your child receives a positive COVID-19 test result outside of normal school hours, can you please message Mr Van-Lindon directly on Class Charts or via email van-lindons@kepier.com

We also ask that you inform Kepier of a positive test result even if your child has been asked to self isolate.

Year 11 Exams

There will be no changes to the scheduled exam series due to take place in January.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during these very difficult times. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact either your child's Year Manager or member of the leadership team who will be able to help.

Yours sincerely

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