



# Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your families are well and safe and that you celebrated Christmas as well as you could. This afternoon the government announced a delay to the return of students in secondary schools to enable schools to prepare for the introduction of mass testing of students.

### This means that at Holy Family:

- Monday 4th January is an inset day and there are no lessons for students.
- Tuesday 5th January ALL students will be on remote learning only except for students who are vulnerable, key worker children and those eligible for free school meals.
- Monday 11th January students in Yrs 11 and 13 return to school for face to face lessons
- Monday 18th January all students return to school for face to face lessons

### Examinations

In addition, please note that the **Btec public examinations** will take place as arranged next week. However, Yr 12 mock exams are postponed and new dates will be confirmed in due course.

### Provision for vulnerable children, those of key workers and those on free school meals

School will be open for students in these categories from Tuesday 5th January from 8.30am to 3.10pm. Students in Yrs 7 and 8 should report to the Walthamstow site and those in Yrs 9, 10 and 11 to the Wiseman site.

### Mass testing plans

Staff will be working next week on plans to deliver the mass testing programme which the government has announced. This will enable us to test all staff and students each week (with parental consent) which will help us to identify anyone who is positive but has no symptoms which will help reduce transmission rates.

I am sorry that we are unable to open the school for, as planned, but be assured that this decision has not been taken lightly by the government and it has been taken in the best interests of the health of the nation.

I wish you well for the New Year and I shall be in touch again next week with further information and updates.

Yours sincerely

Dr Andy Stone  
Headteacher