



18th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

You will be aware that late yesterday the government announced a staggered start for secondary aged students in January. The Department for Education has also announced that schools will be facilitating mass lateral coronavirus testing of students and staff in the New Year. In order to prepare for all this, the DfE has said that Monday 4th January can be used as an additional INSET day.

For Maidenhill, this means that

- Monday 4th January is an INSET day, therefore only staff should attend
- Year 11 students will return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021 and will receive face to face teaching following their normal timetable
- Years 7 – 10 will complete home learning for the first week from Tuesday 5th January to Friday 8th January. The government expect secondary school students to complete at least 4 hours of study per day. Students will follow their normal timetable at home. Lesson details will be posted on Satchel:One (ShowMyHomework). Students have today been issued with a pink exercise book to use for their home learning
- All students will be in school full-time from Monday 11th January

Further details regarding our provision for our most vulnerable students for Tuesday 5th – Friday 8th January, will be issued shortly, and as soon as we have further details regarding the mass testing, we will be in touch.

My sincere apologies for the very late notice, but we only ourselves received notification late yesterday.

Yours sincerely,

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