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Dear Parents/Carers,

By now you will be aware that the government have made a late announcement yesterday regarding the return to school for secondary students. Detailed guidance can be found below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-and-childcare-settings-return-in-january-2021/schools-and-childcare-settings-return-in-january-2021>

What does this mean for my child?

There will be a staggered return to school for students in all secondary schools. Details are outlined below:

- Monday 4th January 2021: INSET DAY to continue as planned. (School is closed to all students)
- **Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th January 2021:**
 - **Year 11 and Year 13** will attend school at their normal time for normal school days (**Year 12 students who have exams are also required to attend during this week*)
 - **Children of key workers are invited to attend school as normal.**
However, parents must notify reception on Monday 4th January if you are expecting your child to be in attendance. These children will follow their normal timetable, in their normal classrooms. Staff will facilitate this by delivering hybrid lessons to Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12*. (Teaching children in the classroom at the same time as teaching live.)
 - **All other students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12** are expected to be online for their live lessons, as per their usual timetable. Attendance will be logged as usual. Communication regarding non-attendance will continue as normal. Students are expected to attend all 5 lessons and engage in the work set by their teachers. These students will then return to school on Monday 11th January 2021
 - **SEND Learners** will receive the usual adaptations and additional support for their learning, which will be coordinated by our SENDCO Mrs Wylie. e.wylie@childwallssa.com

What are the arrangements for mass testing in schools?

The government have released some guidance for schools that leaders will spend the next few days digesting. Unfortunately, there are still many questions from Headteachers that remain unanswered. Please note that mass testing in schools is **not** mandatory. The Lydiate Learning Trust Board of Directors will meet on the 6th January 2021 to discuss the appropriate course of action for Childwall Sports and Science Academy. I will update you on our plans for testing, after this date.

Any new notifications and correspondence will be shared on our social media platforms and the school website. School will be closed until Monday 4th January 2021.

Thank you once again for your patience and understanding. Happy Christmas and all the best for 2021.

Yours faithfully,

Ms J E Vincent
Headteacher

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