



# Winterton Community Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Further to the recent government announcement, I am writing to advise you further as to what the next steps will be and what the implications are for the school.

You will find attached with this letter, a formal letter taken from the government guidance, along with a consent form should you wish for your child to engage in the process of asymptomatic testing.

As a result, please be aware of the following changes to school opening for the week effective 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January:** School remains closed to all students

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January:** School will be closed to all students, to allow for training and preparation for testing procedures.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January:** School will be open to Year 11 only for normal lesson provision. All other students will be able to access an online timetable delivered by zoom. These lessons will follow your child's normal timetable and further information will be sent in January.

Please be aware that from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January, school will also be open to accommodate the children of key-workers. This will be in the form of an isolated bubble, where they will be able to access their online zoom timetable. Please inform the school office if you wish to access this.

During this week, we will put in place a schedule of testing, whereby students will be required to attend the school. We are still awaiting further information from the government and will therefore communicate details later, most likely upon our return on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

I would like to thank you for patience on this matter, as we try to respond to the requests that are being made upon us. Ultimately, the opportunity to engage in a program of testing enables us to better respond to the challenges presented by COVID-19 and ensure that students and staff are able to remain in school wherever possible.

Have a safe and happy Christmas,

Kind regards,

K Rowlands  
Headteacher