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Dear parent/carer,

This afternoon (Wednesday) we heard further updates from the government about students returning to school. As a result of this announcement, there is a **change** to the date your child will return to school.

Year 11 students will now be remote learning from Tuesday 5th January to Friday 8th January. The aim is for all Year 11 students to return to school from Monday 11th January. A few students may be invited in for vocational exam preparation at certain times, and Mr Grafton will be in touch with you directly about this.

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students will now be remote learning from Tuesday 5th January to Friday 15th January. The aim is for students in these year groups to return to school from Monday 18th January.

Please remember that Monday 4th January is an INSET day (no school for students). There may be further updates from the government, and we will continue to keep you up to date on this.

Remote learning means that your child logs on to their laptop at 8.40am for morning registration and then receives lessons from their teachers online through their laptop. The work they have will be explained to them through the day by their teachers – in line with the usual lessons they have.

If your child does not have access to their own laptop, please ensure your Pastoral Manager knows this, and we will arrange for you to borrow one (one for each child at Orchard School).

For children of key workers or vulnerable children* (see definition below) who cannot stay at home i.e. where there is no adult at home and they are unable to study from home independently, then please contact your Pastoral Manager and they will make arrangements for you to come in to school to access the same 'remote learning'. There are no additional activities in school, it is purely online learning – the same as for other children in their year group).

How do I email my Pastoral Manager?

Year 7 nantigha@orchard.tila.school

Year 8 dpiper@orchard.tila.school

Year 9 ebhakerd@orchard.tila.school

Year 10 tpointing@orchard.tila.school

Year 11 mgrafton@orchard.tila.school



If you are unable to email, please phone Reception on 0117 377 2000 on Monday 4th January, when the phone lines open again.

I will write again to you with further updates if they are needed. This includes how we will roll out mass testing too.

In the meantime, I wish you a peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely



Julia Hinchliffe, Headteacher

***Vulnerable children include those who:**

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance, this might include:
 - children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services or in the process of being referred to children's services
 - adopted children or children on a special guardianship order
 - those living in temporary accommodation
 - those who are young carers