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Dear Parents and Carers,

Yet again you have had information shared with you at the same times schools have. The government have announced that secondary schools should not re-open straight away to pupils for face-to-face learning, with the exception of those pupils in year 11 and those who are vulnerable, or whose parents are key workers.

Those students in Year 10 and 11 who have got BTEC examinations on the 7<sup>th</sup> and/or 8<sup>th</sup> January will receive a separate parent mail with further information about the arrangements for the exams. However, they must attend school for these examinations.

The Heys school is proposing that we move to online learning for all other year groups for the first week of the new term. At this point we envisage the pupils following their normal timetabled lesson via teams, but this may have to change based on further guidance. As always, we will keep you up to date with finalised plans as soon as we possibly can.

For those pupils who are vulnerable or who have parents who are key workers, we will have staffed computer rooms available for these pupils to follow the same online lessons as the rest of their class. We ask that parents use the link below to book a place in this provision and that this is completed by 12pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4lsj0B1snE26r2AtI9t00v-1Aj9GMYdPmJhpOb13bexUODcwWkdVTjROOUJWWU1CMFQxOE1QRlpDRCQIQCN0PWcu>

At the moment our plan is that all year 11 and other pupils attending, come in to school at 9.20am on the 6<sup>th</sup> January. Year 11 Pupils will need to line up at their form spots as they will go to form for a quick briefing and then will start lessons as normal. Other pupils who are attending will be directed to their allocated spaces by member of SLT and the Pastoral teams on the gate when they arrive.

Online learning on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January will start for all pupils from period 2, 9.35am. Lessons will be 40 minutes long each day as this allows the pupils and staff a brief break between each session. This is to accommodate any technical issues and allow staff to move to the different classrooms they teach from. The reasons for the slightly later start on this day is to allow me to brief the staff on the first day of any changes or update the government has put in place.

We may need to make changes to this plan as and when we get more information from the government. We will keep you informed as soon as we get any information. Please check parent mail and the school website and the school twitter page for any further updates on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of January.

You may have seen it announced this week that students and teachers will have access to mass testing from January. However, due to the timing and nature of the Government's announcement we have had no time to even think about this. I refuse to have my staff working and planning during the Christmas holidays and we will return to this issue in January when we return. I am sorry I cannot give you more information at this point in time and I am sorry for the disruption this will cause you. I can assure you this is not the news I wanted to share with you

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at the end of term. At this time, all other pupils will return to school as normal on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January and lesson 1 will be a form period.

What I would like to say is that this year the staff and students have been amazing and have dealt with so much and we will continue to work together next year to realise our greatness, no matter what other challenges we may face.

Have a well-deserved Christmas break.

Take Care

Miss Evans

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