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Dear Parents/Carers

Following today's update and announcement from the Education Secretary regarding the re-opening of schools in January 2021, I write to confirm that no pupils will be expected to attend school from 5<sup>th</sup> January other than those in vulnerable groups and the children of critical workers. Parents of these pupils will be contacted separately.

We will continue to observe Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January as an extra INSET day to enable us to effect planning and training of staff.

The introduction of the Lateral Flow testing will then roll out to staff and pupils in Y11. Pupils will be invited into school for testing later in the week. We will be sending out consent forms via Survey Monkey. All the documentation will be available on our website and social media platforms.

Remote Learning will be available to all Year 11 pupils from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021, a timetable will be published, including specific arrangements for those facing Btec exams shortly.

From Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January all other pupils in all other year groups will also be able to access online learning from the Teams platform. This may not include live lessons, as the priority will be the organisation of the testing programme, including preparation of facilities and the training of staff. A separate timetable will be issued via Edulink and Facebook.

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January there will be a programme of live lessons, covering all subject areas for Years 7 to 10 in addition to teaching Y11 in school. The timetables for this will be sent out via the usual means. It will give pupils 4 hours each day of "live" interaction with teaching staff.

We have a number of devices and connectivity aids in school which will enable access to Microsoft Teams which will be used as the platform for lesson delivery. They will also enable access to the online learning platforms used in several subject areas. If you or your child have any difficulty regarding online access, please contact school on the morning of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to secure support.

If you require a Key worker place for your child from 5<sup>th</sup> January please contact school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January and give the Office Staff the details or email [staugustine@staugus.org.uk](mailto:staugustine@staugus.org.uk)

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe.



**Mrs G Lynch  
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