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Dear Parent/Carer

Re; Arrangements for the start of term

You may be aware of [the announcement made earlier yesterday afternoon by the Department for Education](#) regarding the staggered rollout of coronavirus testing for secondary schools and colleges. The announcement confirms that:

- Students in exam year groups, vulnerable children and children of critical workers will all attend school or college in person from the start of term, as will all students in primary, special and alternative provision schools and colleges.
- Secondary schools and colleges will operate a staggered return, offering all non-exam year groups full-time remote education, as close as possible to that which students would get in class, during the first week of term, with face-to-face education for all starting on 11 January.
- Vocational exams scheduled for the week of 4 January will go ahead as planned.

Therefore, I can confirm that Queensbury School students will return as planned on **Monday, 4th January 2021**, in line with Department for Education guidance for schools in the special sector.

I wish to reiterate all that the steps that the school has taken and continues to take to limit the risk of infection comply fully with all government guidance. Our risk assessment is available on the school website. It includes the details of the control measures we have in place.

As you know, the health, safety and wellbeing of all of our students is our top priority. We all need to remain vigilant, both in school and in the community, and be aware of the potential risks of the virus.

Finally, please follow the latest Government guidance and continue this over the forthcoming weeks, as it is vital that we continue this united approach. We look forward to welcoming our students back in the New Year, on 4th January 2021.

Yours sincerely

Mr Chris Wilson

Executive Head Teacher



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