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Dear parents and carers,

You may have heard or read the various Government announcements regarding tiers of restrictions and mass testing in Secondary schools from January. If so, you will be aware that North Somerset has been moved from Tier 3 to Tier 2 with effect from one minute past midnight on Saturday morning (19th December). There are no implications in this respect for schools as all schools remain open to all children in all tiers, as has been the case since the start of September.

Secondary schools will be a focus for mass rapid testing for staff and pupils from the start of next term, with primary schools following later in the term. The first day of term, Monday 4 January has already been planned as an in-service training day for staff, which means that the school will not be open for students. In line with Government guidance, we will then operate a staggered return as follows:

- Tuesday 5 January - Friday 8 January:

Students in exam year groups (which at WHA is solely Year 12), vulnerable children and children of critical workers will all attend school;

Students in year 7 will complete their schoolwork at home. This will be shared via Class Charts, and will involve sessions of live teaching, as well as individual work. Further details on how to access this work will be shared in due course.

- Monday 11 January – Friday 12 February

All students in all year groups attend school for face-to-face lessons.

You will recognise that schools have been made aware of this today, after students had finished, which means that we will update you with on Monday 4th January with any additional information.

Best wishes,
Ian Garforth
Principal



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