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Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to my letter of 18th December, we have now been informed by the Department for Education that there will be further changes to the start of term for all secondary schools nationally. At the time of writing, the arrangements are as follows;

Year Group	Week beginning Monday 4 January	Week beginning Monday 11 January
7, 8 and 9	Pupils working from home. Work set but not necessarily live / pre-recorded lessons	All pupils return to school for face to face lessons. This may be on a staggered basis - parents will be informed of details next week
10 and 12	Pupils working from home. Work set and some live / pre-recorded lessons	All pupils return to school for face to face lessons. This may be on a staggered basis - parents will be informed of details next week
11 and 13	Pupils working from home. Work set including live / pre-recorded lessons	Pupils in school for face to face lessons
The children of key workers* and those identified by the school as vulnerable in all year groups	Pupils return to school from Tuesday 5 th January. Pupils will be supervised in their "bubbles" whilst completing the work set by their teachers	Pupils will be supervised in "bubbles" for face to face lessons

***Vulnerable or key worker students (In-school provision)**

Maplewell will be running our in-school provision for these students starting on Tuesday 5th January 2021. Students attending the in-school provision will follow the timings for the school day and will be supervised in their appropriately-distanced year group bubbles, to complete their online learning. Students should attend in school uniform. We will be using our usual classrooms that are part of existing bubbles in order to avoid unnecessary changes to student routines. These will be supervised by staff who would ordinarily work in that bubble. If you believe that you are eligible for a place and have not yet been contacted please email returntoschool@maplewell.leics.sch.uk



Free School Meals

Families eligible for free school meals will receive a voucher in a similar way to the ones issued for the Christmas break. We will confirm next week once the voucher has been sent.

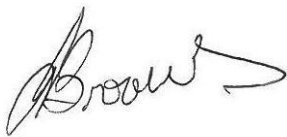
School-based COVID testing

You will be aware that all secondary schools are to be required to operate a Covid testing centre from Monday 11th January 2021. We are starting to receive details as to how this will work and we have training scheduled for next week. The intention is that all staff and students will be able to be tested in school to enable face to face learning for all to resume week commencing Monday 11th January 2021. We will update you further on this next week.

I am very sorry if this late change in arrangements will inconvenience you; please understand that this is not the decision of Maplewell Hall School, but comes from Central Government. We always do our very best to give you sufficient notice for school closures.

I will write to all parents again on Tuesday 5th January with details updating on how the lateral flow testing for COVID-19 will be rolled out at Maplewell Hall School.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Brooks', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jason Brooks

Headteacher