

# St Wilfrid's Catholic School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are all keeping safe and well, and were able to enjoy a good Christmas, albeit in a different way for many due to the restrictions.

You may already be aware that yesterday, the Secretary of State for Education announced changes to the start of term for secondary schools in order to help slow the rate of transmission of the virus. The effect of these changes are listed below and are slightly different from what I stated in my letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> December:

### Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> January:

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January remains an Inset day and as such school is closed to all students
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup>: all students working from home (see point below re specific “groups” of students)

### Weeks beginning 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> January:

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup>:
  - Years 11 and 13 to attend as normal
  - Years 7 – 10 and 12 to continue to work from home
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup>: all students to attend as normal

The “groups” of students identified below are also able to attend school from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January however they will be supervised by a Cover Supervisor whilst they complete the online learning being set for them by their individual teachers i.e. they will not receive “taught” lessons. I cannot confirm specific arrangements at this time due to the uncertainty over numbers. All students should attend wearing school uniform.

- Students who have an EHCP: Mrs Kerr (SENDCo) or a member of the SEND dept. will contact you on or before Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the situation/confirm whether your child will be attending or working from home.
- Students who are considered “vulnerable” as defined by the government guidance: Mrs Rumbol (Safeguarding Officer) will contact you on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss the situation/confirm whether your child will be attending or working from home.
- Students in Year 11/13 whose parents/carers are classed as critical workers are now also able to attend however, I would ask that you only look to send your child to school if there are no other alternatives. In order to register your son/daughter, please use the link below to register that you/your child is eligible. Please do so by **9am Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**: <https://www.stwilfrids.com/form/?pid=8&form=47> (parents/carers of students in Years 7-10, 12 have already registered)

### Mock and Public Examinations:

All mock exams for Year 11 and Year 13 scheduled for w/b 4<sup>th</sup> January are postponed. Students should continue to prepare for these and details of rescheduling will be sent next week. **All public examinations will continue as scheduled.** Those students in Years 10, 11 and 13 who are due to sit these exams next week, and on the 11<sup>th</sup> January, will be contacted by Mrs Willmott (Exams Officer) who will confirm arrangements.

**Testing in schools:**

As per my previous letter, the school's position remains the same. I will write to you again on this as and when/if this position changes.

Hopefully these changes will help to slow the rate of virus transmission which will allow us to have all students back in school on the 18<sup>th</sup> January. I realise that this late announcement is not ideal for anyone, and as a parent of a Year 11 son I equally share your frustrations. I will of course write to you again if the situation changes.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I sincerely hope that tomorrow heralds in a much better 2021 for everyone.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Ferry', written in a cursive style.

Michael Ferry  
Headteacher