



December 18th 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware, there has been a recent government announcement around a staggered return to school for the Spring Term.

In accordance with government guidance all pupils in Years 11 and 13 will return to school on **Monday 4th of January 2021** in preparation for their preliminary examinations later in the month. Pupils who are vulnerable or those who are the children of key workers will also be able to return to school on January 4th. We have already made contact with these families, if you believe your child falls into this category and you have not been contacted can you please inform your child's Head of House immediately. For safeguarding purposes we must know who will be returning to school to make secure provision; regrettably, we will not be able to accept students that we have not been formally notified of.

Pupils in all other year groups (7,8,9,10,12) will return for face to face teaching on **Monday 11th January 2021**.

Whilst pupils are not on site for face to face teaching, they will be following their normal lesson timetable which will be a Week 1/A. All work will be set via Teams. Year 7 pupils will be in their new teaching sets which parents have been informed of.

If your son/daughter has any problems accessing the remote learning platform or, as a Year 7 pupil, is unsure of their new teaching set please contact enquiries@st-bedes.durham.sch.uk for further assistance.

At St Bede's we are committed to safeguarding and should you be concerned about any safeguarding issues during this week for remote learners please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads Mrs Jenkin or Mrs Hall via email for support and guidance.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. We understand that this late Government decision will also place additional pressures on your families until we can welcome all year groups back on January 11th.

Yours faithfully

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Acting Executive Headteacher

