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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you to some changes to our planned reopening tomorrow 04/01/22.

Staff and learner absences caused by positive cases of Covid-19 are incredibly high. As such we are having to balance finding and deploying supply staff with running a safe school where children have contact with familiar, trusted adults.

Primary phase will be **closed for nursery only tomorrow 04/01/22**. All other year groups can attend as normal.

Due to staff shortages **our Secondary Phase will be closed tomorrow 04/01/22**. Our previously agreed arrangements for testing will no longer be taking place. This will be replaced by the following:

All learners are advised to attend for onsite testing only at the following times. Any learners arriving at any other time will be refused access due to infection control measures.

Year 7: 9am-10am
Year 8: 10am-11am
Year 9: 11am-12pm
Year 10: 12pm-1pm
Year 11: 1pm-2pm
Year 12 and 13: 2pm-3pm

Unfortunately, we are unable to facilitate family groups arriving for testing together.

The testing will take place in Café Mojo, students should arrive through the main entrance. All students are expected to wear a mask. Those without a mask will be provided with one before entering site. Students do not need to wear uniform for testing but should bring their lanyard as a form of identification. If you are eligible for a free school meal these will be available for collection from main reception during your child's allocated test time.

Secondary students should access their educational provision through the virtual school (details of how to access this are on our website). Further learning is available through the Oak Academy at: www.thenational.academy.

Senior leaders will be meeting in the morning and we will communicate our contingency plan to you. As this is a rapidly changing situation please continue to check communication regularly through Weduc and the website.

We thank you for your continued patience and cooperation during this difficult time. We appreciate how disruptive the following weeks may be and we endeavour to keep this disruption to a minimum.

Yours faithfully

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