



## Trinity School

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Ms Jo Hawkin  
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Dear Parent/Carer

I was hoping that my final letter of the year could avoid all things related to Coronavirus, but unfortunately the latest guidance from the government arrived yesterday afternoon. Schools did not have any advanced warning and the information sent to schools yesterday arrived after announcements made in the media. I would like to be clear about what this means for Trinity School.

As you know we have been involved in extensive planning for over two weeks with the Local Authority and Public Health as part of the pilot testing project. The results of the parent survey were overwhelming, with 1510 parents/carers responding and 1410 saying yes to the test. We feel, therefore, that we have a duty to our community to make the pilot work. One of our aims in the planning of this has been to minimise disruption to learning. The logistics of testing 1410 students and 250 staff means that some lessons must go online to ensure safety for all our staff, students and volunteers. Thank you for bearing with us this week as we send lots of messages and check consents at short notice to make sure that everything is in place. There are staff in school until Wednesday next week, so you can still get in touch until Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December if you have any questions.

Although the government have suggested that only exam groups are in school straight after the break, with a return date for other students the week after, we will stick to our original plan, sent yesterday, where all students are back in school by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January with some returning earlier in the week. You can see what that means for your child in the table below:

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Test date</b>	<b>Return to school</b>
Year 13	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 12	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 11 doing catch up mocks (parents have been contacted already)	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 11 (unless doing catch up mocks)	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 7	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 9 (Forms SBU, FDG, JBU, JPE, JCO)	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 9 (Forms DSH, MRO, KRI, GWE)	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 8	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 10	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
Home Group	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January



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More detailed information will be sent to each year group, with times for tests etc, early next week.

We hope that there are no further positive cases in the Trinity family over the Christmas holidays. However, if this is the case, we will be involved in tracing close contacts for the first 6 days (Friday 18th December – Wednesday 23rd December). If a student tests positive for Covid-19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, please email [covid@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:covid@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk) with the details.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and relaxing Christmas. We look forward to seeing students in the new year.

Yours sincerely

Jo Hawkin  
**Headteacher**