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Notification of INSET day Monday 4th January 2021 in response to mass testing protocols

Dear Parent/Carer,

In response to recent Government guidance surrounding mass-testing of secondary-age pupils, St. Wilfrid's R.C. College will be closed to all year groups on Monday 4th January. This day will be an INSET day for staff in order that staff can be trained, testing kits can be accepted on site, consent for all pupils can be sought, and logistics surrounding testing can be finalised. This will help ensure that we are providing the safest possible learning environment for our pupils.

Should you wish to read further information about the testing plans, please see the following announcement from the Department for Education (DfE):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-and-childcare-settings-return-in-january-2021/schools-and-childcare-settings-return-in-january-2021>

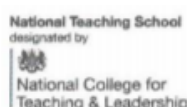
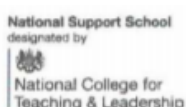
As stated in previous communications, and in accordance with Government guidance, there will still be a staged return of pupils to St. Wilfrid's:

- All pupils in Years 11 and 13 will return to school on **Tuesday 5th 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 Tuesday 5th January 2021. We have already contacted 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**.

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. I wish you a happy and healthy Christmas, and we look forward to safely welcoming students back to school in the new year.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs F. Craik
Acting Executive Head Teacher



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