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Dear Parent/Guardian

As you will have seen in the news yesterday, the government have now staggered the start of the spring term due to the COVID situation.

Year 11 will return as normal on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and will be in normal lessons, due to the proximity of their GCSE examinations. The canteen and buses will run as normal for them.

If your child is in years 7-10 and is classed as vulnerable we will contact you to confirm attendance. If you are a key worker, your child will be able to come into school. Criteria for Key workers are in the link below <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

You will need to complete the attached form **by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** to book a place in school in order for us to plan for numbers in each bubble.

For all other year 7-10 pupils, staff will be delivering online lessons via TEAMS for all classes, in accordance with their personal school timetables. All pupils already have TEAMS log-ins and will receive invitations to click onto for each lesson. These can be accessed through any mobile device such as a mobile phone, tablet, laptop or computer. The only exceptions to this delivery will be core PE lessons and Art lessons in years 7 and 8, where tasks will be set to download from the website due to the practical nature of these subjects.

We do have a limited number of devices in schools we could loan to families if they cannot access work. If this is a requirement then please can you complete the attached form, expressing your interest by **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** and we will try our best to support you, based on the resources available to us. If you are entitled to Free School Meals then you will be receiving government vouchers over the holidays.

However, during the first week back for year 7-10 FSM we will be providing a daily sandwich collection from school for those pupils who are eligible. Again, if this is something you require please can you complete the attached form by **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**, in order for the canteen staff to order provisions. (Further collection information to follow on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021)

The year 10 GCSE Construction group (7 pupils) have a GCSE examination on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Having spoken to the examination board this morning this exam will proceed as normal and students will need to attend school for this examination. We will contact these pupils by text with the specific arrangements.

These changes have been put into place by the government in order to help manage COVID numbers nationally and support the roll out of Lateral Flow Testing in all schools. These 30 minute COVID tests will be administered in school and further information will come sent to you once we have received further information from the government. However, if anyone would be in position to volunteer to help administer these tests in school we would be extremely grateful. Please contact the school office on [office@moorside.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@moorside.staffs.sch.uk)

We hope that you have a safe Christmas and we look forward to seeing all pupils back in school safe and well in the New Year

Yours sincerely

  
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