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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you had a nice Christmas, that you and your families are well and that you are seeing the New Year as a time of hope as we look towards having a less challenging year than 2020 was.

Following on from the Government's announcements this week I can confirm the following arrangements for the return to school for students at Queensbury:

- **Monday 4th** is still a training day to set up and train staff to deliver mass testing and to plan for remote education.
- From **Tuesday January 5th**, we will **provide remote education** for all students. This will be via **TEAMS** (not EDULINK) and will follow your son/daughter's normal timetable. Staff will be online in the class TEAM each lesson and will start the lesson posting an introduction in the posts section. Students can then use this post section to ask questions throughout the lesson. Students should then 'turn in' their work when completed that day. If your son/daughter does not have access to the relevant IT hardware please complete the following link:- <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pGcNtDFve0GB0B6WvxpVXPGMxZs9ZpBAhJbAln4EMnhUM1hDV1hZOFrIN0RXWFpNWkVNQkVXVUhRMMy4u> If your son/daughter is finding it difficult to log on using the right credentials then they should email Mr Loczy at gloczy@queensbury.anthemtrust.uk
- Whilst students are not in school, each **tutor** each week will post on their tutor TEAM page. Every student should reply back to their tutor so we can check they are ok.
- From **Tuesday, January 5th** we will provide face to face education for those students who are in the vulnerable and critical worker children categories. If your child falls into one of these two categories you need to inform us. You can do this by completing a request form whereupon someone will contact you to confirm when your son/daughter can come into school. The form can be found on our website and by using the following link:

[School Attendance Request Form 2020-21 \(office.com\)](#)

- From **Monday, 11th January** students in Year 11 and 13 will start back in school. All other year groups will continue to have remote education. We are still planning on conducting the mock examinations so please can those in Yr11 and 13 continue to revise and work hard towards these - they are more important they have ever been.
- From **Monday, 18th of January** all students will be back in school.



I will be writing to you again by the end of next week to give you any more updates and to give more detail on our **mass COVID testing plans**. In the meantime, it would be really helpful for everyone to have completed the consent form by the end of next week so we can manage the process. The link to this form was sent earlier this week however if you have not completed it please complete the attached form and email/post it back and please complete the following:

[COVID testing consent form](#)

If you do not consent for your son/daughter to have a COVID test do not complete the form. If you have any questions about the COVID testing please email: **admin@queensbury.anthemtrust.uk**

It is clear that the current national picture with regards the pandemic has warranted that all secondary schools take this action in order to limit the spread of the virus. We would ask that all parents and carers try to ensure that their children abide by the new Tier 4 restrictions so that we are able to continue to keep our school community safe.

Thank you again for your ongoing support to the Academy, and for your patience as we work to respond to a rapidly changing context.

Yours sincerely

Mark Little

Principal

