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For the attention of parents/carers of children in Years 7-10

Dear parents/carers and students,

I did not think that when I took the job as Principal that I would be writing to you on New Year's Eve, but nonetheless, everyone at Ormiston Meridian Academy wishes you a fantastic New Year!

Following the Government announcement yesterday, I would like to confirm our plans moving forwards over the next few weeks. Much of the information sent out on Monday 21st December remains the same, however there are a couple of adaptations which I will confirm below.

All secondary schools have now been asked by the Government to delay the staggered return to school by one more week. This now means that:

- Students in Years 7-10 will now return to school on **Monday 18th January**
- All Year 7-10 students whose parents/carers are **Key Workers** and have replied 'YES' to the text message or contacted us via social media or email have been added to the register and are expected in school from **Tuesday 5th January onwards**.
- All students with EHCP or those that need additional support whose parents/ carers have requested a place in school for their child have been added to the register and are expected in school from **Tuesday 5th January onwards**
- There is a small cohort of Year 10 students sitting the BTEC music exam on **Thursday 7th January**. This exam will still go ahead. You will receive a letter and phone call on Monday 4th January confirming the arrangements for the revision session, warm-up session in the morning of the exam and the exam itself.
- The regular school expectations will be in place for any students in years 7-10 who have requested a place in school in the first two weeks. They will line up on their yard, attend form time and will follow their usual timetable. They will attend regular lessons, however, the teachers will be delivering these lessons to the rest of the class who are learning from home using Google Classroom simultaneously.
- All students who remain at home are expected to take part in our remote education package which will follow their timetable. The detail of this has been sent out previously. If your child does not participate in remote learning our attendance team will contact you.
- Students who do not have access to Google Classroom must contact us using the email address info@omera.co.uk on **Monday 4th Jan**. Our pastoral team will try to make arrangements for a laptop loan if possible.
- Those parents/carers of students on Free School Meals who replied 'YES' to the text message will collect 2 hampers; one on Tuesday 5th January and one on Monday 11th January. A text message will be sent on both of these dates giving you the times to collect the hampers.

Ormiston Meridian Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.



If you are a Key Worker or parent/ carer of EHCP student

We completely understand that some of you may have been able to arrange child care for the first week but may need to send your child into school week beginning Monday 11th January. If this is the case, please contact the school reception between Monday 4th January and Wednesday 6th January and we can add your child to the register for the following week.

Lateral Flow Testing

It is our intention to formalise our testing plan early next week and we will provide all parents with information in the post as soon as possible.

I hope this letter provides you with all the information you need and we will continue to update you as and when we need to. If you do have any urgent questions relating to this please either use the email address covid19@omera.co.uk or send us a private message on our Facebook Page. These are the only 2 communication platforms that are being managed by school staff over the next few days.

Please continue to have a wonderful Christmas holiday and most importantly stay safe.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs C Stanyer', with a flourish at the end.

Mrs C Stanyer
Principal