

Statement Regarding DfE Announcement 17/12/20

As we are sure many of you will already be aware today the Department for Education announced that the new school term in January will have a staggered start.

The rationale for this is to allow for the roll out of a new testing protocol for pupils and staff in secondary schools.

All schools were made aware of this change to term dates via press release at the same time as media outlets. Since the announcement more details are starting to be shared with schools.

This school term has been a particularly difficult one for pupils, families and staff and added uncertainty at this time we know is not ideal.

We would therefore like to let all parent/carers and pupils know that the senior leadership team will be working on the new information currently being shared and we will communicate a clear approach by the end of the school day tomorrow (18/12/20).

As always, we will be transparent about our approach and decisions, trying to give our whole community as much certainty at these already difficult and stressful times.

Many thanks for your continued support in all matters.