



Pendle Community High School & College

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Dear parents and carers,

You will have heard that the Government has recently announced plans to reduce the number of children "in secondary schools and colleges for the first full week of January".

I would like to reassure you that this does not affect PCHS pupils as pupils who attend special school "are considered as 'vulnerable' and so [will] be expected to attend full-time face-to-face provision from 4th January"

The plans are in place to support schools "to set a regular testing programme to test staff and the close contacts of staff and students who test positive for the virus". This will help to contain the spread of the coronavirus and keep staff and pupils in school.

Our staff and children will have the same access to the testing programme, although the timing of the programme is not mandated, involvement is ultimately optional and it is understood that participation will not be appropriate for many of our children. We will keep you informed about the programme in the New Year as we learn more about the Government's plans to roll out the tests to schools.

As things stand, please expect everything to be the same on 4th January as it was yesterday.

If you would like to find out more about the Government's plans, further details can be found at the link below:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-and-childcare-settings-return-in-january-2021?utm_source=17%20December%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

On behalf of everyone at Pendle Community High School & College I would like to thank you for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming back all of our pupils on Monday 4th January 2021.

Best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year,

D Grogan
Headteacher

