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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may have heard the news that the government has stated that there will be a staggered return for students in secondary schools after the Christmas break. This is to allow for student and staff COVID testing to be planned and carried. We are hoping to provide further information from the DFE before the start of next term and we will keep you updated.

Year 11 and 13 students will be returning to our academies on Tuesday 5th January and all other year groups on Monday 11th January.

Additionally, all children with an Educational Health Care Plan, other vulnerable children and children of critical workers will all attend from the start of term on the 5<sup>th</sup> January. If you or your child falls into this category, please advise us on officecg@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk by 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

There will be an expectation that students in Years 7-10 and 12 fully engage in remote learning from 5th January until their return to site the following Monday. Teachers are working hard to organise remote lessons.

Please note that due to ICT maintenance, we may not be able to reply to any queries until the staff development day on 4th January.

We can only apologise for the late notice, but this is due to circumstances beyond our control.

Have a safe and happy Christmas during these trying times. Best wishes,

Philip Storey
CEO Designate

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