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## Stowupland High School

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Dear parents and carers

Firstly, on behalf of all in the Stowupland High community, may I wish you and your families a very Happy New Year. I hope you were able to enjoy a festive and restful Christmas.

I do not make a habit of writing to parents and carers on New Year's Day but this is an exceptional time. Following the Government's announcement this week about changes to the start of term and plans for COVID testing in schools, I wanted to confirm arrangements at Stowupland.

- Monday 4 January is a planned staff training day. Reception, attendance, inclusion and safeguarding services will run as usual from this date.
- From 5-8 January, all students will follow our programme of remote learning. Students who have been contacted directly, and children of critical workers who have responded to our survey should attend as normal on Tuesday 5 January. They will be directed by staff when they arrive. We have confirmed with Suffolk County Council that school buses will run according to schedule. Scheduled BTEC examinations during the week beginning 4 January will go ahead as planned. Students, parents and carers have been advised separately.
- Year 11 and Year 13 students will return to school on Monday 11 January. Students in other years will continue to learn remotely.
- All students will be in school as usual from Monday 18 January.

Please accept my apologies for the brevity of this letter. Details of our COVID testing plans and consent forms will follow on Monday.

In the meantime, my best wishes to you for the weekend.

Yours sincerely

Peter Whear  
Headteacher



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