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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families have had a wonderful Christmas and I wish you all a Happy New Year. Yesterday, as you may be aware, we received news of some slight changes regarding the return to school dates for January. As a result, the following staggered return will be implemented:

Monday 4th January

ALL year groups will follow their normal timetable from home, accessing lessons virtually on TEAMS.

Only **vulnerable children and children of critical workers** will return to school as normal for the spring term next week. Parents should contact the school via the office email office@stmca.org.uk if your child qualifies for this provision and you intend for your child to attend school next week.

Students, while working from home, will follow their normal timetable virtually on TEAMS. The times of the day are below, and registers will be taken in every session. **All students are expected to be present throughout every session, ready to respond to teachers as required.**

The first period of the week (Monday 4th January) will be a form period for all students, delivered by their form tutor. Those students in school will be situated in a classroom within their year group bubble, and will access the same lessons through Microsoft Teams.

Time	
9.05 – 9.20	Registration
9.30 – 10.15	Period 1
10.30 – 11.15	Period 2
	Break
11.50 – 12.35	Period 3
12.50 – 1.35	Period 4
	Lunch
2.20 – 3.05	Period 5

Sixth Form - The timings of the day for sixth form are slightly different to fit in with the Trinity:

Time	
9.05 – 9.20	Registration
9.30 – 10.15	Period 1
10.30 – 11.15	Period 2
	Break
11.50 – 12.35	Period 3
	Lunch
13.20 – 14.05	Period 4
14.20 – 3.05	Period 5





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Monday 11th January

Year 11 and Year 13 students, plus vulnerable children and children of critical workers, will return to school as normal for the spring term. (normal standards of uniform apply)

Year 7-10 & 12 students will continue to complete their lessons from home via Microsoft Teams.

Monday 18th January

All students return to school for face-to-face teaching

Online Lessons

As a reminder, the highest standards of behaviour are expected during online lessons:

- All lessons will be recorded
- Microphones and cameras should be turned off

These lessons follow on from December in order to ensure the continuity of your child's education and learning. It is expected that they engage with the lessons, as well as the independent work set as a result of the lessons, as attendance will be recorded.

January Examinations

We are still expecting vocational examinations to continue. Students will be given further details in their lessons over the coming week regarding the arrangements for these examinations.

Testing

Further details of the testing procedures being put into place will be sent out during the next week. We will be setting up a mass testing regime, in line with government guidance, to allow students to return to school safely and identify any asymptomatic cases.

Once again, I thank you for your support during these times, and wish you a happy new year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Rayner
Headteacher

