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Dear Parent / Carer,

January arrangements

I am writing to confirm that, as a result of the government's announcement yesterday, we will be closed for the first week of school, week beginning Monday 4th January, for most pupils except:-

- those of 'critical workers' – i.e. 'NHS staff, police, social care workers, teachers and delivery drivers.'
- 'Vulnerable children' include:
 - those who are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
 - those who have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
 - those who have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance, this might include:
 - children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services or in the process of being referred to children's services
 - adopted children or children on a special guardianship order
 - those at risk of becoming NEET ('not in employment, education or training')
 - those living in temporary accommodation
 - young carers
 - those who may have difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example, due to a lack of devices or quiet space to study)
 - care leavers
 - those who need to attend to receive support or manage risks to their mental health

The DfE guidance states that vulnerable children, the children of critical workers and pupils in exam year groups (primarily years 11 and 13) are expected to access on-site education provision from the first day of term and should be prioritised for testing.

All other pupils should not attend that week and will be provided with remote education until 11 January when they should return to school and resume face-to-face attendance.





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Children of 'critical workers' and 'vulnerable children' should come in to school on Monday 4th January for 9am, and report straight to their bubbles.

Year	Bubble / Zone
7	Music Block
8	Technology Block
9	Science Block
10	Room 244 (Y10 Bubble)

In order for us to gauge the number of students that will be taking advantage of this in-school provision, please can you email the school office at office@stmca.org.uk

Any students in school during this week should bring a packed lunch, unless they currently receive free school meals. There will not be the option to buy school dinners that week.

Students' learning during this week will be via Teams and therefore students **must bring their own headphones with them** everyday in order to access their remote lessons. Students attending school should wear uniform as normal this week.

These remain unprecedented times, and we therefore thank you once again for your continued support during this uncertain time.

Have a peaceful and holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Rayner
Headteacher



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