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Dear Parents and Carers,

Arrangements for the Spring Term

The Governing Body have approved my decision for all teaching to return to department areas so that we can deliver the full curriculum and begin to phase in more practical learning activities (such as in Science, Art and Technology). We are looking forward to introducing our Year 7 students to all the buildings which will enhance their school experience of being taught in specialist areas. All our students will be able to access a wider range of subject specific resources.

We will continue to have all protective measures in place, hand sanitiser stations at entrances and in classrooms and a staggered end to the day. The lunch and break time arrangements will stay the same for each year group as will the allocated playground areas and school entrances. I expect all students and staff to continue to wear face coverings when in corridors and communal areas and also during lesson changeover.

The risk assessment has been updated in line with the latest government guidance which can be found on the school website.

You may be aware of the recent Government announcement for mass testing in schools. The first phase is for school staff to have regular testing which Rutlish will be participating in. The Government intend the next phase to be for the exam year groups in schools and FE colleges and then phasing through KS3 and then primary children. Please read the following links if you would like to know more information.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) asymptomatic testing in schools and colleges - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-covid-19-asymptomatic-testing-in-schools-and-colleges)

[Mass testing in schools: Your questions answered - Education in the media \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2020/12/15/mass-testing-in-schools-your-questions-answered/)

On 4th January, Year 7 and Year 8 should arrive to school via Watery Lane and all other year groups via Mostyn Road. On arrival, students should go to their year group outside area; tutors will then take them to their tutor room. New timetables will be issued during tutor time.

Students should be in full school uniform unless they have a PE lesson where they have permission to wear their school PE kit. Please may I remind students that mobile phones should be switched off and remain in school bags whilst at school.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you a merry Christmas and hope you and your families have a good break.

Yours sincerely,

Ms L Howarth
Headteacher

