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Dear parents/carers,

You might have seen in the news that schools will be operating a staggered re-opening in the first week back after Christmas. At Risedale we have a **staff training day on Monday 4th January 2021** and the rest of the week is outlined below...

Year 11 pupils, children of a 'critical worker' and 'vulnerable children':

Risedale will be open for **Year 11 only from Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th January**. We will also be able to offer some places for ['critical workers and vulnerable children'](#) as we did in the initial lockdown. The government defines critical workers as, *"Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response including those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors..."*

To book a place for a child of a critical worker please complete the following form: [Register for Pupil Provision at Risedale](#)

Rest assured that all children in school will be safeguarded using the same COVID secure procedures as this term with face masks/bubbles etc. and will follow the [Risk Assessment](#) that we already have in place.

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10:

The rest of the school will be learning remotely from home. For **Years 7, 8 & 9**, all work will be uploaded onto Google Classroom. Please make sure your child logs on every day and submits completed work to their teacher. Guidance can be found on our [Student Portal](#).

Please encourage your child to look out for notifications from their teachers on Google Classroom. If at any time you or your child needs support, please email our teaching staff directly: [Staff Email List](#)

Year 10 will have live lessons via Google Meet. These lessons will be scheduled in their usual timetable slot. Your child should follow their normal timetable for the duration of the week and be ready to log on at 8:45am daily for their first lesson. Invitations for Google Meet lessons will be published via Google Classroom by class teachers.

Unfortunately, as we have been given so little time by the government to prepare for the week after Christmas, **we would like everyone to work online if possible**. For those who cannot access electronic devices please contact the school on Tuesday 5th January and we will help as best we can.

COVID-19 National Testing Programme for Schools:

The other government announcement that we received yesterday concerns COVID testing in schools. The information we have at present is limited and the Local Authority has assured us that we will not be required to plan anything until the week beginning 4th January as Public Health England and Children's Services are currently working together to come up with a support plan for schools should this go ahead. We will keep you fully informed as soon as we have any further information.

Enjoy the festive season, stay safe and thank you for all your support – it is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Colin D Scott - Headteacher

