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Dear Parents,

You will of course be aware that due to the steep increase in COVID numbers and as from today, Birmingham has entered Tier 4, and is under further restrictions, schools however will remain open.

Please see below the changed plans to the start of the school term:

Monday 4th January – Staff training day

Tuesday 5th January – Friday 8th January – School open to children of key workers and vulnerable children. Vocational exams are still taking place and will need to be in school to sit these. Further details will be sent to these students.

Monday 11th January – Friday 15th January – Year 11 and 13 return to school.

Monday 18th January onwards – Full return for all students

An online form will be resent for parents to complete of key workers or if there are other reasons for your child needing to be in school from 5th January. Please complete this by 4th January.

Testing

The government expectation is that all schools will carry out mass testing for students and staff in order to ensure that students/staff can be identified quickly if they are COVID positive and avoid transmission of the virus. This should allow for greater numbers of pupils/teachers to remain in school, and avoid large numbers of students having to self-isolate. The later start to the school term for the majority of students allows us the time to receive training and get support in order to implement this. Information from the government on how to implement this is being provided to schools on a daily basis. There is a great deal of organisation for us to consider in order to effectively and safely run a test centre within school as I am sure you can appreciate, and we will need to gain permission from parents before we test any student. Information regarding how these tests will be carried out will be sent out in due course. I will keep you updated as to how we see this taking shape at Aston Manor Academy.

I think we were all hopeful that we could begin the new year in a much better place, and testing will hopefully allow us to keep as many students in school as possible. Please contact the school via enquiry@astonmanoracademy.com if you have any concerns or questions. Please be aware that school will not re-open to staff until Monday 4th January.

Kind regards,

Jill Sweeney
Headteacher

