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Dear parents,

You will no doubt be aware that the Education Secretary announced that secondary schools in England will operate a staggered return after Christmas, with all non-exam year groups being educated remotely for the first week of term. I am writing to you now to confirm the arrangements at City Academy.

Students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10

Students in years 7 to 10 who are considered vulnerable (children with an EHC plan, young people who have a social worker) or are the children of critical workers should return to school on Monday 4 January as planned.

All other students in years 7 to 10 should not return to school as planned on Monday 4 January. Instead, they should log onto Microsoft Teams and join their lessons online. Their online education will be as close as possible to any normal day in school: students will register at the same time and have form time every day.

Students will then follow a broad curriculum, in a mix of streamed or pre-recorded lessons. Teachers will be available throughout the day to respond to questions.

Students in year 11

Students in year 11 should return to school on Monday 4 January as planned.

Access to equipment and technology

CORE Education Trust is committed to ensuring every student has access to a laptop or tablet device so that they can continue to receive a high quality of education. Should you need to borrow a device for this period please contact us at enquiries@corecity.academy

I appreciate this news may be unsettling and I want to assure you that we will do everything possible to continue to deliver a high standard of education to your child, and to keep disruption to a minimum. Our overriding priority is to ensure the safety of all students and staff and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support over the measures we must take to manage the pandemic.

Kind regards

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