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Dear Parents and Carers,

Within 6 hours of you receiving our last letter it very quickly became out of date. Apologies for yet further communication so quickly but we felt it important to provide an update following on from the Prime Minister's speech confirming that as part of a national lockdown schools will be closed until half term.

Covid-19 Testing

Thank you to parents and carers who completed the consent form regarding the testing. As students are no longer returning to school on 11th or 18th January the planning for offering testing for the students and staff over the next fortnight is no longer taking place. As we receive more information about students returning to school and any future consideration for testing we will of course keep you informed. Thank you to parents who volunteered to support the process, it was very much appreciated.

Examinations

The impact of school closures on exams for students in the summer of 2021 was recognised in last night's speech. The Prime Minister announced that exams would not take place in their usual way. We know that many of our Year 11 and 13 students will be wondering what this process will look like - It is expected that Gavin Williamson will be making a statement later this week about alternative assessment. We will be communicating with Year 11 and 13 parents/carers as the developments are communicated. The most important thing for students to do now is to fully engage with remote learning as we are still six months away from completing whatever process is in place to assess student progress.

Critical worker/Vulnerable student places

As the picture changes we realise that so will the need for school places for critical workers. Students in school will follow the online learning programme set by their class teachers. If you have requested a place that you no longer need please contact jbrownridge@keslichfield.org.uk. We want to provide places at school for our students who need it, but balance this with ensuring our teachers have the capacity to support all students in their remote learning which will become more challenging if we have numerous requests for Critical worker places.

Our school telephone line will be staffed during the school day and email enquiries can be sent to office@keslichfield.org.uk. We are very grateful for all of the support our parents and carers continue to offer.

Yours faithfully,

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Headteacher

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