



# Penwortham Girls' High School

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Dear Parent / Carer

You will no doubt have heard the recent flurry of announcements from the Government regarding both the introduction of mass Coronavirus testing in schools and the phased return of students in the New Year. The DfE have stipulated that **Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 must remain at home for remote learning until Monday 11th January, whilst Year 11 will return to as normal on Tuesday 5th January.** After the events of the last nine months, I am rarely shocked, but the nature and timing of the announcements has left me stunned, to say the least.

At this stage, I am unable to say anything more about the proposed introduction of school-based testing for Coronavirus. Until I have had further discussions with the Local Authority and received detailed guidance from the DfE, there is no realistic prospect of this being introduced at our school in the short term. Once I can provide further information, I will write you again.

Our immediate priority is to ensure that your daughter receives high quality teaching and learning from Tuesday 5th January, whether she is in or out of school. We have therefore formulated a plan for your daughter's education, which is set out below:

**Years 7 to 9** - teachers will deliver lessons using Class Charts that your daughter will now be familiar with. We will ensure that your daughter has four hours of high quality learning a day, in line the DfE's guidance around remote learning.

**Year 10** - all teachers will deliver lessons using Class Charts and where it is appropriate, some teachers will also deliver lessons using Microsoft Teams or Zoom, following your daughter's normal timetable.

**Year 11** - your daughter will return to school as normal and follow her normal school timetable.

**Vulnerable students and the children of critical workers from Years 7 to 10** - the Government has asked that we provide face-to-face teaching. If your daughter falls into the vulnerable category, then we will be in touch with you separately to arrange for your daughter to attend school from Tuesday 5th January. **If both parents are critical workers and you therefore intend to send your daughter to school on Tuesday 5th January, then I would ask that you inform us of this by emailing:**



**covidquestions@penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk. We require this information by Sunday 3rd January, 5pm.**

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Pomeroy', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Mrs K Pomeroy  
Headteacher