



# The Astley Cooper School

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Dear Parent / Carer

## Staggered start to term – Covid-19 testing in January

You may have seen in the news yesterday that secondary schools will have a staggered start to term in January and access to additional Covid-19 testing from the new year.

This announcement right at the end of term was completely unexpected and, as yet, we have no details of what a testing programme in school will mean in practice. However, we have been told that Year 11 and Year 13, vulnerable students and the children of key workers come to school at the beginning of term – Tuesday 5 January in our case.

*If you are a key worker and believe your child is eligible to come in to school, please email Mr Daddow at [b.daddow@astleycooper.herts.sch.uk](mailto:b.daddow@astleycooper.herts.sch.uk) by Monday 4 January.*

All other students in Year 7 – Year 12 should **not** attend school that week and will be provided with remote learning via Google Classroom until Monday 11 January when they should return to school.

In summary:

- Year 11 and Year 13, vulnerable students and the children of key workers return to school on Tuesday 5 January
- All other year groups return to school on Monday 11 January

When we have more details about the testing regime we will let you know. Our apologies for this very late notice but we wished to let you know as soon as we heard the Government announcement in order for you to make any necessary arrangements for the first week of term.

Yours sincerely

Mr E Gaynor  
Headteacher

