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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the announcement from the Government yesterday, I wanted to update you on our position. We will need an additional training day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January to train staff to deliver this testing and for staff to have opportunity to be tested prior to reopening. As you will be aware, mainstream schools will have the week to get this up and running.

The latest guidance from the DfE states that the opening of special schools is encouraged from the 4<sup>th</sup> January and then expected from the 11<sup>th</sup> January. But that, *"Special schools and colleges have some flexibility on face-to-face attendance of pupils and students in the first week of term to enable them to appropriately mobilise the testing programme."*

Therefore, our opening plan is as follows:

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – **School will be closed to pupils.** Training day for school staff as previously planned.
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January - **School will be closed to pupils.** Additional school staff training day suggested by DfE for Covid-19 testing.
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January - We expect all pupils (secondary and primary) to attend school.

The testing of secondary pupils requires parental/guardian consent. You will need to have completed a consent form for testing to take place. These forms and additional information will follow but are only required for secondary aged pupils, forms must be completed to tell us if consent is given or not.

If you do not to send your child to school you will need to inform us of your reasons, so that we can accurately record this. Please can I remind you to email the school office [office@springcommon.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@springcommon.cambs.sch.uk) or telephone daily 01480 377403 if your child is absent from school.

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I appreciate that the news reports in the last few days have been concerning, but I want to reassure you that the stringent measures that we put in place to keep our children and staff as safe as possible last term will continue.

The health and safety of our children and staff is of utmost importance. If we have a number of staff who are having to self-isolate, we may have to make the difficult decision to close a class or bubble. If this happens, we will communicate this to parents via email and update our website.

I also want to remind you that if your child or anyone in your household develops symptoms, please do not attend school, and continue to follow the Government's self-isolation guidelines. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

I am looking forward to seeing our pupils again next week and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

*Julia McIntosh*

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Head of School



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