

Hayle Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

As parents may well be aware there have been some significant announcements from the Government affecting schools and education over the last 24 hours, and today, with more information expected later today. The timing of these announcements is receiving widespread criticism as schools are in the final hours of the Autumn Term. As it stands, the announcements cover two aspects which may impact on education in January: firstly, there will be a new, rapid testing system for schools, enabling students and staff to return more quickly in the event of suspected and confirmed cases and potentially reducing isolation periods and absence from school. Details about how this system will operate are not yet clear. Secondly, within the last hour, the Government has announced a staggered start in January, with (it seems) Year 11 students returning to on-site provision and other year groups working remotely for a period of time. Again, there is as yet no detail to this announcement.

I would like to assure parents, that despite the timing of these announcements and the current lack of clarity, our school leaders will be continuing to work over coming days: reviewing any further detail we receive and adapting our plans in response. We will continue to make full use of the support and advice of our Governors and Truro and Penwith Academy Trust in our decisions. As soon as we have confirmation about any changes to our provision we will confirm these with parents via email and using our Facebook page and school website.

I can only apologise to parents for any inconvenience that the late timing of these announcements from the Government may cause. Please be reassured that your school team are continuing to do all we can to provide the highest quality of education and care and to minimise any disruption to learning for our students.

On behalf of staff, I would like to thank our parents and community for their continued support and partnership and to wish you a very peaceful Christmas and a happy new year.

Yours faithfully,

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