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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year everyone! We hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas and despite the restrictions, some time to celebrate with your family.

As you may be aware, on New Year's Eve, the Education Minister, Senator Tracey Vallois, made the following announcement:

"We are delaying the start of term until Monday 11th in order to stand up a voluntary testing programme for all Government of Jersey and private school staff, and for students in Years 11, 12 and 13.

"This is the safest way forward and gives parents, young people, and our hard-working staff even greater security around their health and wellbeing.

"As previously announced, teachers and the wider school and college staff teams will be working from Monday 4th in preparing to welcome back our young people, and some schools will be open for students preparing for or sitting exams.

"Head teachers will be notifying their staff and parents and carers directly with more details."

This is a change to the previous decision for a return to school next Wednesday, which was made in light of the latest medical advice. We are sharing this with you at the earliest opportunity to allow for you to plan for Wednesday to Friday of next week for your child(ren).

This change will allow all staff in school to be part of the continued comprehensive testing programme prior to children returning to school. Like all schools across the island, we are undertaking a full review of all of the health and safety measures in place to ensure that the latest guidance is being implemented to ensure that school is as safe as possible for all children and staff. During this week all school staff will be working to ensure teaching and learning is prepared in light of these changes, ready for the children to return to school on Monday 11th January.

Although the Education Minister has classed next week as an extension to the holiday for the children, should you wish to access some learning materials during this week, please feel free to use these learning at home websites:

- Jersey's Learning at Home Site: <https://learningathome.gov.je/>
- The UK Oak Academy: <https://www.thenational.academy/>
- BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- Your child's account for Times Table Rock Stars/Numbots

Thank you for your patience and support at this challenging time. We will of course keep you up to date as the week progresses through email, our website and social media of any further developments. We look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Monday 11th January.

Yours sincerely

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Leading Headteacher/Head of School