



# MILLOM SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer(s)

The announcement last night by the Department for Education about the first week of term has caused confusion for parents, pupils and for schools. The headlines are that schools should only be open for Year 11 and 13 in the first week of term with all other students at home accessing learning online. This is so that schools have time to plan for testing their pupils. Two weeks ago we joined a Cumbria pilot for testing and so we will be ready to test students and staff on the first day back. I would like to reassure you that, as things stand at the moment, we will start the term as planned and as follows:

Monday 4 January: school only open for testing students and staff. Parents who have given consent for their child to be tested will have already received an appointment by email with instructions about arrival and departure. Learning will be accessed online on that day.

On Tuesday 5 January all students should come back into school as normal.

However, if there is one thing we have learnt from this year, it is that plans can change, often at short notice, based on new announcements from government or on guidance being made clearer to schools. I would therefore ask that you check your emails and social media in case we have to make any changes to our plans.

I would like to remind you that any child showing symptoms of Covid-19 (high temperature, new and persistent cough, loss of sense of taste or smell) should not attend school and you should follow the stay at home guidance on gov.uk.

Thank you for your support this year.

Yours faithfully

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