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Dear Parent/Carer

Following announcements from the government and from the Department for Education, and following discussions with the Local Authority, some of the plans for next week have had to change.

Testing will take place as planned on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Only students who have received an appointment should attend school at their allotted time. All other students should remain at home. Please refer to the information sent to you at the time for the details of how the testing process will be carried out. The reason that it is important for the testing to continue is that it is intended to identify any positive, asymptomatic cases and therefore help to reduce community transmission of Covid-19.

For the rest of that week all year groups should remain at home and teachers will set learning for students online through One-note or Teams. School will be making for provision for vulnerable students, and children of key workers to attend school from 5<sup>th</sup> January. Staff will be making contact with some families, but should you feel that your child should be considered for this provision, please email the school – [stminters@millom.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:stminters@millom.cumbria.sch.uk)

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, Year 11 and Year 13 should attend school as normal. Some students in Year 11 and 13 have external exams in January and these will take place as planned.

From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January all year groups should attend school as normal.

I would like to remind you that students must not attend school if they have any symptoms of Covid-19, including on the day of testing.

I apologise for the short notice but this has been due to the timing of announcements made by the government. Testing on Monday will mean that we will have tested the majority of the school community before the return of students to school. It will also mean that we have experience of running the testing for students of close contacts which is what the government have asked us to prepare for.

Yours faithfully



M D Savidge  
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