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Dear parents and carers,

Yesterday the government confirmed that all secondary schools in England will be able to test more of their staff and students in a round of free coronavirus testing from the first week of January.

They say this will help to deliver the national priority to keep education open for all and help fight the spread of the virus, while keeping schools and colleges safe. Building on the incredible work schools have done to be Covid-secure, the round of testing will help to reassure students, parents and teachers about returning to school.

They hope that the round of testing will also help to tackle the one in three who have the virus but do not have symptoms, so could be spreading the disease unknowingly, and minimise disruption during the spring term by helping identify positive cases when students return to face-to-face education following the Christmas break. The offer of tests builds on the extensive protective measures already in place in Beacon High, as well as the government's recent announcement that every secondary school in England will have access to rapid testing from January.

Students in year 11, vulnerable children and children of critical workers will all attend school in person from the **4th January**. Beacon High will operate a staggered return, offering all other year groups full-time remote education, as close as possible to that which students would get in class, during the first week of term. **Year 7-10 students** will return to face-to-face education on **11th January**.

We will update you with confirmed plans on 30th December. Please continue to check the website from 28th December, any changes will be placed there. Stay safe during the holiday.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Streeter'.

Mr A Streeter
Headteacher



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