

ARE/JWA

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Dear Parent / Carer

### January 2021

Following the government announcement yesterday relating to a staggered start for schools in January 2021 and the mass testing of students and staff, I would like to take the opportunity to provide some clarity on the UTCs position prior to the Christmas break.

Based on the lateness of the announcement and the lack of clarity around implementation, plus the fact that the UTC has multiple year groups with formal examinations in the January 2021 series, the UTC has decided that we will be open as normal for all year groups from the 4 January 2021.

The UTC will join other school leaders from across Sheffield to discuss and consider the implications of the government announcement in the first week after the Christmas break. In the meantime, the UTC will also be considering the logistical challenges and feasibility of implementing the guidance in our specific context.

We will send further detailed information in the New Year when we have considered the above.

May I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully



Mr A Reynolds  
Principal