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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Education Minister, Senator Tracey Vallois made the following announcement which you will have seen on local media:

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."

This is a change to the previous decision for a return to college on Wednesday, in light of the latest medical advice. I am sharing this with you at the earliest opportunity to allow for you to plan for Wednesday to Friday of this week for your child(ren). Students who have an examination between the 6th and 8th of January 2021 inclusive are expected to sit their examination and will be supported by their tutors.

In addition to undertaking testing, our staff will use the time this week to prepare teaching and learning for the return to college on Monday 11th January and to ensure new guidelines are implemented so that college is as safe as possible for all young people and staff.

The important new information is that your daughter or son is included in the offer of the new screening and testing programme. So, regardless of whenever she or he last had a test (if at all), they are being offered a PCR test prior to the return of college on the 11th January 2021. Appointments will be available from Tuesday 5th January. Please call the helpline on 445566, from Tuesday 5th January, to book an appointment. **Please do not call the helpline before Tuesday, as the helpline need to prioritise appointments for school staff first, as they are returning to work this week.**

For students who have examinations between the 6th and 8th of January 2021, the helpline team will call you today (Monday the 4th) to offer an appointment for a test prior to their examination. This is because they are expected to attend their examinations on-site before the rest of Highlands students return. This applies mainly to Business, Health and Social Care and Computing full-time students.

No other students are expected to return to site until the 11th of January 2021, including apprentices, adults on professional courses, Higher Education and Adult and Community Education students.

The PCR test is optional. The contact details for students sitting exams on these dates were shared by the College over the weekend to expedite this process.

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Thank you for your patience and support at this challenging time. I wish you a Happy New Year and I look forward to a safe and more settled 2021. Please contact the college on 608608 if you have any queries, I realise this change may cause anxiety, but hope that these precautionary screening tests and delayed start dates help to reduce risk. Our students have been exemplary in their adherence to safety measures.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jo Terry-Marchant'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jo Terry-Marchant
Principal