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Dear Parent/Carer,

Many of you will have heard the news relating to changes in self-isolation legislation. From today all identified contacts of a positive case will be required to self-isolate for 10 days instead of 14 days.

What has now become clearer, and is supported by the legislation, is that this is to be applied retrospectively.

What this means for us is that Years 11, 10 and 7 can now return on **Monday 14th December**.

As a result **all** year groups will be in school next week.

Those pupils who have tested positive and are currently isolating will be contacted individually by the school to confirm the date they are able to return and if they intend to do so. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they recover.

I know that many of us are nervous at this time and worried about the virus and its effects on ourselves and our families as we enter the Christmas period. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for letting us know of these concerns and for letting us know of your intentions as to whether you send your children into school or not. For those of you who have been in contact via phone or email already and discussed it with us nothing has changed. For those of you who haven't please feel free to do so via the relevant Head of Year.

The Catholic Church teaches us that the parent is the primary educator of the child and we more than understand and respect your opinions and judgements of how you wish to proceed up to the end of term on the 18<sup>th</sup> December.

It has been, and continues to be, a difficult time for everyone and I would like to thank you all for your support, patience and understanding throughout 2020. I hope and pray that 2021 is all that we hope for and more.

On behalf of everyone at St Illtyds may I wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D. B. Thomas'.

D B Thomas  
Headteacher