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Dear Parent/Carer

National Lockdown January 2021

Following recent announcements by the Government, I am writing to inform you of our current plan. Unfortunately, arrangements remain subject to change as further announcements and guidance are shared with us.

We are a specialist provision and all of our students are expected to attend throughout this current lockdown. If you have any concerns or questions about your child's attendance during this time, please speak to your usual contact or email us via the [paceandlaunchpad](http://paceandlaunchpad.com) website.

In some areas of our provision students will be expected to attend full-time as normal. However, due to the nature of some of our working spaces some students will be offered a daily blended working package with a morning or afternoon on site and home working for the other half of the day. This is to ensure we can manage strict social distancing measures to keep the students and staff safe.

In addition, we will soon be offering staff and students the opportunity to access Lateral Flow Tests every few days to check they do not have coronavirus without symptoms. IT IS VITAL THAT NO ONE ATTENDS SITE IF THEY HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS OF THE VIRUS. You must isolate and get a test as per the national guidelines.

It would be much appreciated if you could support us to minimise the risks to all by helping your child access a test at one of the MAST testing centres in St Helens before they return to school.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a safe and happy 2021 and to thank you for your patience as we work through this challenging time.

Kind regards.

Rachel Guyer
Acting Head of Alternative Provision

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