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Dear Parents and Carers,

Return to School

You will have been pleased to hear the recent news from the Government regarding the return to school from the 8th March 2021. In school we are delighted to be given the go ahead to reopen. Our aim is to ensure that all students are able to return as safely as possible within the updated guidelines that have been given to us in relation to:

1. Lateral Flow testing: There is important information below.
2. The curriculum and its delivery
3. Control measures to mitigate risk of transmission

The Government's latest guidance for schools can be found here: [Operational guidance](#)

Lateral Flow testing:

From next week (4th March) we will begin the first LFD tests for all students prior to a full return for all students on the 9th March. As you can imagine, testing the whole school is a huge operation and to ensure we maintain social distancing and the well-being of students, we ask that students are brought to the school site by a parent and taken home immediately after the test. This will avoid any mixing prior to testing which could result in periods of self-isolation, which we want to avoid. All staff and volunteers involved in the testing operation have undertaken the relevant training provided by the NHS.

All students will be given a window during the day indicated below to attend school and receive their first Lateral Flow Test (LFT). This will be sent out at the start of next week by email. Please can you ensure your child is brought to school at the start of the time slot given. The second and third test will take place during the normal teaching day. This will minimise the amount of time lost in school. If you have not returned your consent form for the LFD test please do so before the 1st March. If no consent is given the young person will return to school on Tuesday 9th March.

Please note that on Friday 5th March, the school will be closed for all students (except those coming in for testing) in order that staff can prepare the classrooms and undertake additional training prior to full reopening. There will be no remote lessons this day but independent/ consolidation tasks will be set on Teams.

Day	First test: Students come on site at an allotted time for their test and go home immediately after.
Thursday 4th March	Y11, Y12 and Y13
Friday 5th March	Y8 and 10
Monday 8th March	Y7 and 9
Tuesday 9th March	All students return to school by 8.25am as normal. Y11,12 and 13 Second test

Once we have tested all students three times in the first fortnight, we will be passing the responsibility for testing to parents and carers to supervise at home. Further details will be forthcoming once we have received the kits.

Students of Key Workers and Vulnerable students who have a place in CV35 will attend school as normal; they will be tested on the same day as their peers from next week. It is our hope that all students will be given consent to be tested as we see this as a primary way to protect students, protect families and protect school staff.

Further information regarding the return to school will be sent next week (beginning 1st March) including details about the mock examinations and summer exam season.

Many thanks for your support in ensuring we get our students back as safely and as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Helen Bridge
Headteacher