

26th February 2021

Return to School

Dear Parent,

I am writing to provide you with more details about the plans for how children will be returning to school and how school will operate when they do return. Please read the letter carefully and note the day that your child is due to return.

Children need to be offered 3 tests within the first 10 days of their return. They will then be provided with home testing kits which they will be expected to use twice a week, sending the results back into school. This is all voluntary, as previously explained but it is in everyone's interest that you agree for your child to be tested.

The table on the next page sets out the plans for when the tests will take place. I will write again with more specific timings next week when we know how many consent forms have been returned. The plan will be that we will bring each tutor group in at a specific time. Those who have consented to the test will have that and then start lessons. Students who have not got consent for a test will wait in the sports hall to watch a welcome-back presentation and then will start their lessons.

Students who have been coming into school because they are vulnerable or key worker children will still be able to come in until the day that their Year group returns.

The first day for each year group will be:

Monday 8 March	Year 11 & Y10
Tuesday 9 March	Year 7
Wednesday 10 March	Year 8
Thursday 11 March	Year 9

BUT please note that Year 11 students who have consent for testing will come in on Friday 5 March just to have their first test. They will be able to leave immediately afterwards and any positive results will be contacted later that day.

On the first day, all students should come in at the times that will be sent to you next week. After that they should return to the times that were in place before lockdown.

There will be a reduction in the amount of live lessons as teachers start to teach face-to-face again and there will be no live lessons on Friday 5 March because this day has been given to teachers to spend planning the return to face-to-face teaching.

Can I remind you that students must have a face mask with them. They will now be required to wear this at **all times inside the building.**

Finally, I would like to urge you once again to give your consent for testing.

Mr Chris Thomas BSc
 Headteacher

I will write again next week with the exact times for the students to return.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Thomas
 Headteacher

TESTING OVERVIEW

Friday 5 March	YEAR 11	10.00 start	TEST 1 No need to wear uniform. Students who have given consent will come in for their test and leave straight away.
Monday 8 March	YEAR 10	AM	TEST 1
	YEAR 11	PM	TEST 2
Tuesday 9 March	YEAR 7	AM & PM	TEST 1
Wednesday 10 March	YEAR 8	AM & PM	TEST 1
Thursday 11 March	YEAR 9	AM	TEST 1
	YEAR 10	PM	TEST 2
Friday 12 March	YEAR 11	AM	FINAL TEST & HOME KITS ISSUED
	YEAR 7	PM	TEST 2
Monday 15 March	YEAR 8	AM	TEST 2
	YEAR 9	PM	TEST 2
Tuesday 16 March	YEAR 10	AM	FINAL TEST & HOME KITS ISSUED
	YEAR 7	PM	FINAL TEST & HOME KITS ISSUED
Thursday 18 March	YEAR 8	AM	FINAL TEST & HOME KITS ISSUED
	YEAR 9	PM	FINAL TEST & HOME KITS ISSUED