



24<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday, schools have discretion to stagger the return of students during the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> March. I am delighted to be able to share our plans to support your child's safe return to on-site learning.

As you would expect many safety measures must be in place. Students will continue to learn in bubbles based in separate zones and with staggered lunch breaks. All other Covid secure measures will continue to be in operation.

There are however, three important additions:

1. All students must wear a face mask at all times when in the school building (unless they are medically exempt in which case they may wear a face shield). Extending the use of face coverings to classrooms is a temporary measure until Easter, and as with all measures the government will keep it under review. Please ensure your child has a mask and at least one spare mask everyday they are onsite.

2. All secondary school and college students will take three COVID-19 tests at existing school testing facilities. The tests should be taken 3-5 days apart. If you have not yet completed a consent form for testing your child please do so ASAP by clicking the following link:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HOz15hFcB0WWWO\\_YchcXOhKMCzBD-ppPuSTjPVFFRcVUOTRUOVBNMDJCUFI0NFNPVDROSDI2V1QyUS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HOz15hFcB0WWWO_YchcXOhKMCzBD-ppPuSTjPVFFRcVUOTRUOVBNMDJCUFI0NFNPVDROSDI2V1QyUS4u)

3. After the initial programme of three tests in school, students will be provided with two rapid tests to use each week at home. Students who have not taken the three COVID-19 tests in school will not qualify for home testing kits.

Our testing team have been operational since January and we are confident that we will be able to test one full year group each day, whilst maintaining the required social distances.

The testing timetable including the date your child will return to school is shown below. You will be contacted via the MyED App with details of your child's test appointment. Students must not arrive sooner than their appointment time as all staff will be either be involved with testing or teaching and therefore not available to provide additional supervision.

**Timetable for testing and return to on-site education**

Week commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22/02/2021					Y11 (Test 1)
01/03/2021	Y10 (Test 1)	Y9 (Test 1)	Y11 (Test 2)	Y10 (Test 2)	Y9 (Test 2)
08/03/2021	Y11 return Y11 (Test 3)	Y10 return Y10 (Test 3)	Y9 return Y9 (Test 3)	Y8 return Y8 (Test 1)	Y7 return Y7 (Test 1)
15/03/2021	Y8 (Test 2)	Y7 (Test 2)		Y8 (Test 3)	Y7 (Test 3)

Until your child's planned return to school, teachers will continue to offer live online lessons blended with self-study. From 8<sup>th</sup> March, the usual lesson timetable will resume:

Bubble 1 Year 7	
P1	8.45
P2	9.45
break	10.45
P3	11.00
P4	12.00
lunch	12.30
P5	1.40
P6	2.40

Bubble 2 Year 8 & 9	
P1	8.45
P2	9.45
break	10.45
P3	11.00
Lunch	12.00
P4	12.40
P5	1.40
P6	2.40

Bubble 3 Year 10 & 11	
P1	8.45
P2	9.45
break	10.45
P3	11.00
P4	12.00
lunch	1.00
P5	1.40
P6	2.40

As a reminder, pupils should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive

In line with the latest government guidance, pupils who are **clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend school**. If your child is in this group, they should continue to learn from home until further notice. A copy of your child's shielding letter should be sent to their head of year.

Pupils who are self-isolating or shielding can access classwork via Teams or through home learning booklets.

Thank you for your continued support and positive feedback through the lockdown period. It has meant a lot to us. We are looking forward to greeting your children on their planned date of return.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Maw  
Headteacher