



24th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Return to school for all students

On Monday the Prime Minister announced that schools will reopen in the week beginning 8th March. Additional Government guidance states:

1. Students should complete three Covid tests in school within the first fortnight.
2. Students should only return to face to face teaching after they have received their first negative test result.
3. All students travelling on a bus with a student who then receives a positive Covid test result will be required to isolate.
4. Following the three Covid tests in school, parents will be provided with home testing kits and all students will be asked to complete a test twice a week.

We therefore plan to test all students at the start of the week prior to reopening. The overall schedule for the week is shown below:

Monday 8 th and Tuesday 9 th March	All students visit the school briefly at a predetermined time to undertake a lateral flow Covid test. The keyworker and vulnerable groups continue in school.
Wednesday 10 th March	Year 11 and 7 students return to school
Thursday 11 th March	Year 8, 9 and 10 return so all students are in school
Friday 12 th March	All students are in school The second lateral flow test is conducted

The testing of all students is a key part of the Government's strategy for bringing children back to school safely, we therefore ask for your full support. I will write to you again shortly with specific details of how the testing process will operate, how consent will be collected and when your child will need to come onto the school site for their test. We will look to provide support for any family struggling with transport.

We will return to the Covid safety measures operating before Christmas, in line with new Government guidance students will be expected to wear face masks in lessons. This new additional requirement has initially been put in place until Easter when the Government will review the situation.

We appreciate many students will feel anxious about the return to school and we will do all we can to provide reassurance and support.

Thank you for support, we look forward to seeing everyone back in school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N. K. Willingham
Headteacher