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Dear parents and carers,

Following the Prime Minister's announcements on Monday, we are absolutely thrilled that all students can return to school from Monday 8th March. Whilst the quality of remote learning provided by our school has been high, there is no substitute for face-to-face teaching.

We just want to share with you a few reminders.

- The Government has stated that attendance is compulsory. We will work closely with families to allay specific anxieties as much as possible ahead of students' return and will respect parent's wishes.
- For some young people Covid testing might be possible in school. We would be happy to discuss this with you if you feel it would be suitable for your son / daughter and if it would be a valuable experience. We have no intention to insist on testing for any students and we will respect the choice of any parents who has not given consent. We will be looking into testing students over the next week and will contact you with more information and consent forms before we take any further action.
- All staff will also be offered regular Covid testing twice weekly either at home or in school.
- Face masks will become an even more prominent feature of school life for staff and our secondary-age students at least until Easter. Wherever possible please ensure your son / daughter wears a mask on transport and if possible brings a spare one to school daily. We fully appreciate that this is not possible for all students.
- Students with a letter from their GP confirming that they are "clinically extremely vulnerable" should continue to be at home until at least the Easter holidays. Any student in this situation will continue to be offered home learning. If you have received such a letter but wish to discuss this further, please contact the Key Stage coordinator to discuss.
- The "system of controls" will still apply in our school to ensure everyone's safety. This includes enhanced cleaning, extra ventilation of all indoor spaces and Key stage or class "bubble" arrangements for students.
- Increased ventilation will make some rooms cool so please do not forget appropriate clothing and / or a blanket as appropriate.
- Please be aware that you **MUST** keep your son / daughter at home if they are at all unwell. We will call you to collect them if they are unwell in school.
- Please remember to inform us if any member of your family becomes unwell with Covid.

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- Please remember that if your son / daughter is identified as a close contact of somebody who tests positive they will still need to isolate for 10 days. If this happened, they will not be permitted to return home on the school bus so you must be able to collect them from school asap. It is **not** possible for the school to bring them home.
- If you received an I pad to help with Home learning please could you return it to school when your son / daughter returns as we will need these for use in class.
- Lap tops can be returned at a later date.

Please be aware that there will be no home learning on next wednesday morning 3rd March so that class teams can prepare for the return to school.

Finally I would like to finish by thanking all of you for your support through the current lockdown period. Your kind comments, photographs of the students at work and your participation in home learning has really helped us to remain positive. Like you, we now look forward to a better time when we can put this difficult period in our history behind us.

We are very much looking forward to seeing all of our students back in school on March 8th.

kindest Regards

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