



24th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will know, the Prime Minister has announced the reopening of schools from Monday 8th March. We are delighted to hear this and we are looking forward to students being back in classrooms and resuming their learning in school.

The health and safety of students and staff remains our key priority and the Prime Minister highlighted that the return to school is also linked with Mass Lateral Flow Testing of students and staff. The government has allowed schools to **stagger the return of students to school across the course of that week to enable the mass testing to happen**. I will write to you shortly to inform you **what day and what time your son/daughter will be expected to return to school**.

We strongly encourage all students to take part in the testing programme and so help to keep our school and community as safe as we can, but in order for your son/daughter to take the test, we need your consent. **You need to tell us whether or not you give your consent**. Please note you will need to complete a form for each of your children. You do not need to do this if you have already given us this information via the form or another means.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qjfWx7T-Y0qmMtm_ickMFo0nArNAiFxNleYthypGdLhUMINIVlpWOVNRRkNGRVpUNENaMOFQUTc2VC4u

Students will be supported to learn how to take the test themselves in school. It is the government's intention that in the future, secondary school students and staff will move to testing at home. Further details will be sent home in due course.

If you have any further questions regarding Lateral Flow Testing, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hunter, Deputy Head, on: ahunter@maidenhill.gloucs.sch.uk or via the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs P Wilson
Head Teacher