

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the Prime Minister's announcement we are looking forward to welcoming our students back to school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

We appreciate that many of our students and their parents have worked very hard through this lockdown period. We look forward to the opportunity to consolidate and build upon this learning. We have a fabulous team of staff who are ready to support individuals who may find the return to school challenging. If you think your child may need extra support or be anxious please contact their form tutor in the first instance.

In line with Government guidance we are asking all students and staff to complete Covid tests. We have been undertaking these tests since January in our sports hall for the students who have been in school over this period.

Our staff are excited at the prospect of working with students in classrooms once more. However it is important that the return with requisite mass testing is planned to ensure a safe reintegration for all.

To safely conduct tests for all, the first day back for each year group will be as follows:

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021</b>	Year 11 test in the morning and then attend lessons in school once negative result is confirmed
	Year 10 test in the afternoon and then go home
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021</b>	Year 10/11 come straight to school and into lessons as normal
	Year 8 test in the morning and then into lessons once negative result is confirmed
	Year 7 test in the afternoon and then go home
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021</b>	Years 7,8,10 & 11 come straight to school and into lessons as normal
	Year 9 test in the morning and then join lessons once negative result confirmed

We will write to parents in each year group to confirm the precise schedule with timings.

During these days, online learning will continue for students who are not in school or not being tested, with part of our provision through Edulink tasks where staff are involved in testing.

After 3 tests in school the Government will provide students with rapid tests to use at home on a twice weekly basis. We will send a link with a video to support parents/students in doing this at home nearer the time. Students will receive a video through Edulink from the Progress Leader explaining the testing procedure and schedule for return to lessons.

We will continue with our system of control safety measures as per the Autumn term. In addition to in corridors, students will be expected to wear masks in lessons from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The use of masks in lessons will depend on the exact lesson circumstances and learning needs of students. Teaching staff will explain this to students in lessons.

We will be in touch next week to explain the precise arrival time and testing schedule for your child.

We look forward to seeing them. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Julie McBrearty  
Principal