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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am now in a position to communicate our plans for the return to school as from 8<sup>th</sup> March onwards. The Government has asked us to test students for Covid-19 before they return to school. We have decided to begin the testing of students this week, so that they can return to the classroom as early as possible. Testing is not compulsory, but it is recommended. For their first test, students will come in and then return home. We will not be starting students back in lessons until the first round of tests has been completed.

If you are happy for your child to be tested, and you have not yet returned your consent form, please complete the [Lateral Flow Testing Consent Form](#) as soon as possible. Your child will not be able to have a test without consent being given. If you do not wish your child to have the test, please complete the form and indicate that you do not wish to give consent.

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The 'lateral flow' tests are quick and easy using a swab of your nose and throat. This link takes you to a [NHS instructional leaflet](#) with more information as to how the self-administered test process works.

The testing schedule is as follows. All tests will take place in school, in the dining hall. **Students will be informed of what time to come in, in a separate email, but details of this are also outlined at the bottom of this letter. If you have not given consent for your child to have a test he/she should not come in at all on the day indicated below.** Once the tests are completed, students will be sent straight home. Any child who tests positive will be told immediately, and kept apart from other students. Parents of affected students will be informed.

### **Lateral Flow Testing Schedule**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Day to come in for test</b>
13	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March
11	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March
12	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
10	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
9	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
8	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
7	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March

We will begin to resume lessons from 8<sup>th</sup> March, but will not be able to have all students back on site that day, as we will still be managing the testing for a large number of students. The return to lessons from the 8<sup>th</sup> March will work in the following way.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** Years 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 to return to school at 1pm.  
Please note that the school day will finish at approximately 2:40pm.  
\* Please note that Years 7 and 8 will come in for testing only and then be sent home- see second page of this letter for timings.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March:** Years 8 & 7 to return to school at 9am.  
Years 9, 11 & 13 to return to school by 10:30am.  
Years 10 & 12 to return to school by 10:45am.  
The school day will finish at the normal time of 3pm.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March onwards:** All students in school as normal. Years 7,8,9 arrive by 8:30am. Years 10,11, 12 & 13 arrive by 8:45am.  
The school day will finish at the normal time of 3pm.

**Students should use the gate that they were using during the Autumn term.**

When we return, we will continue with all of our Covid-safe measures that were in place before, including bubbles, staggered entry times, designated gates for entry and exit, frequent hand sanitizing and wearing of face coverings. **All students will now have to wear a face covering in class until Easter, so unless your child is exempt, please ensure that he/she has a plentiful supply. If your child is exempt, please inform your child's Year Leader.** Students will not have to wear face coverings during outside PE lessons.

Please remember that students should return to school in **full uniform**. This includes PE, for which students should wear full, correct uniform in the appropriate colour.

Please note that to enable us to focus on undertaking the lateral flow tests safely and successfully, we will not be running mini school for keyworker and/or vulnerable children as from 8th March. Work will continue to be set on Google Classroom.

Please see the next page for timings for the tests for students. We will write again shortly with reminders about these times to come in for testing. Please continue to check email, the website and text messages for important updates from us.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs M Pye  
Headteacher

**Please see next page for timings of tests on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

**Times for students to come in for their lateral flow test**

<b>Thursday 4th March</b>	Year 11 Test 1	8.45am	11G1, 11G2, 11G3
		9.30am	11M1, 11M2, 11M3, 11M4
		10.15am	11T1, 11T2, 11T3
		11.15am	11W1, 11W2, 11W3, 11W4
	Year 13 Test 1	12.00pm	13A, 13B, 13C
		1.30pm	13E, 13F, 13G
		2.15pm	13H, 13K
		3.00pm	13N, 13Y
<b>Friday 5th March</b>	Year 10 Test 1	8.30am	10G1, 10G2, 10G3
		9.00am	10M1, 10M2, 10M3, 10M4
		9.30am	10T1, 10T2, 10T3
		10.00am	10W1, 10W2, 10W3,
	Year 9 Test 1	11.00am	9G1, 9G2, 9G3
		11.30am	9M1, 9M2, 9M3
		12.00pm	9T1, 9T2, 9T3
		12.30pm	9W1, 9W2, 9W3
	Year 12 Test 1	1.45pm	12A, 12B, 12C
		2.15pm	12D, 12E, 12F
		2.45pm	12G, 12H, 12K
		3.15pm	12M, 12N, 12Y
<b>Monday 8th March</b>	Year 7 Test 1	8.30am	7G1, 7G2, 7G3
		9.00am	7M1, 7M2, 7M3
		9.30am	7T1, 7T2, 7T3
		10.00am	7W1, 7W2, 7W3
	Year 8 Test 1	11.00pm	8G1, 8G2, 8G3
		11.30pm	8M1, 8M2, 8M3
		12.00pm	8T1, 8T2, 8T3
		12.30pm	8W1, 8W2, 8W3

