



Tuesday, 2nd March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Enabling your son or daughter to return safely to school in the week of 8th March

Together with this letter, please find an updated version of the Guidance to Families which we first published in August 2020. This provides answers to all of the questions that parents and carers may have regarding the full re-opening of schools. It is also fully compliant with our risk assessment for the full re-opening which can be found in the section on our website dedicated to providing you with information and updates on [Covid-19](#).

While lateral flow tests in school significantly enhance our systems of control, you may already know that they are not 100% effective in detecting the presence of the virus. They are also only able to detect it within the four to five days that the virus is likely to be most transmissible. It is important that your son/daughter maintains strict adherence to the other protective measures already in place and the appropriate wearing of face coverings in order to keep themselves and others safe.

If your son or daughter has any of the symptoms relating to Coronavirus Covid-19, they should not attend school, and arrange for a PCR test as you will have done before Christmas. If a member of your family is awaiting the result of a test, the entire household should isolate until the outcome is known.

Parent/Carer Checklist for return to school

Below is a checklist to enable you and your child to prepare for the return to school.

- ✓ Two masks (including a spare kept in a clean place such as a zip-lock bag when not in use)
- ✓ Discussion at home about safe travel to and from school (see Guidance for more information)
- ✓ Discussion at home about importance of maintaining social distance and following safety information
- ✓ Parent Pay cards charged so that your son/daughter can purchase hot or cold snacks each day
- ✓ Uniform and PE check (see Guidance for details).
- ✓ Removal of nail varnish, jewellery and only one stud per ear for ear piercings
- ✓ If your child is in Year 10, then s/he should go directly to the Hall on arrival on Monday. If your child is in Year 11, they will need to go to their new form room in the English corridor (details in Guidance).

The embedded link provides you with general [advice about returning to school after lockdown](#).

Additionally, the [Trauma Response Network](#) support families where there has been trauma caused by Covid-19. The service is for children and adults and works on a self-referral basis.

Attendance

The Government has indicated that attendance at school is mandatory, with the exception of students who may be Extremely Clinically Vulnerable. Please contact the school if you need to talk to us about this. Below is a repeat of the information sent last Thursday to Years 7-10 regarding start times and with the inclusion of the other year groups for easy reference:

Year	Date back in school	Date & Time of 1 st Test	Date & Time of 2 nd Test
7	Wednesday, 10th March: students to arrive at the normal time and go straight to their form room.	Thursday, 4th March: 8.30am – 10.45am <i>Please refer to the letter sent on 23.2.21 for details of your allotted time.</i>	Wednesday, 10th March: 8.45am – 10.45am
8	Tuesday, 9th March: students to arrive at the normal time and go straight to their form room.	Wednesday, 3rd March: 12.30pm – 2.45pm. <i>Please refer to the letter sent on 23.2.21 for details of your allotted time.</i>	Tuesday, 9th March: 12.50pm – 2.50pm
9	Tuesday, 9th March: students to arrive at the normal time and go straight to their form room.	Wednesday, 3rd March: 8.30am – 10.30am <i>Please refer to the letter sent on 23.2.21 for details of your allotted time.</i>	Tuesday, 9th March: 8.45am – 10.45am
10	Monday, 8th March: students to arrive at the normal time and go straight to the Hall.	Tuesday, 2nd March: 12.30pm – 2.30pm <i>Please refer to the letter sent on 23.2.21 for details of your allotted time.</i>	Monday, 8th March: 12.50pm to 2.50pm.
11	Monday, 8th March: students to arrive at the normal time and go to their new form room in the English corridor.	Monday 1st March: 1.30pm - 4pm <i>Please refer to the letter sent on 23.2.21 for details of your allotted time</i>	Friday 5th March: 8.30am - 11am
12	Monday, 8th March: students to arrive at the normal time and go straight to their form room.	Tuesday 2nd March: 8.30am - 11am <i>Please refer to the letter sent on 23.2.21 for details of your allotted time</i>	Friday 5th March: 12.30pm - 3pm
13	Monday, 8th March: students to arrive at the normal time and go straight to their form room.	Monday 1st March: 10am - 12.15pm <i>Please refer to the letter sent on 23.2.21 for details of your allotted time</i>	Thursday 4th March: 12.30pm - 2.45pm

Details of the third lateral flow test will be shared with your son or daughter from 8th March, after which s/he will be eligible to carry out the twice weekly self-testing at home.

Yours sincerely,

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