



Archbishop Temple School

A Church of England Specialist College

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Dear Parent/Carer

I do hope this letter finds you well and with a sense of optimism that we might be able to see a little light at the end of what seems to have been a very long tunnel.

On Monday 22nd February the Prime Minister delivered his plan for us to come out of lockdown. The implications for schools are that from 8th March we can reopen with the flexibility to consider how best to deliver testing.

The Department for Education has said pupils returning to secondary school will be tested (Lateral Flow Test) three times on site and then at home in the first two weeks back – 3-5 days apart.

In many ways this is great news that infection rates are such that we can get our pupils where they need to be - in classrooms, in front of teachers, in specialist rooms, enjoying learning.

To do this as safely and as quickly as possible I have put the following plan in place.

Mon 8 th March	Tues 9 th March	Wed 10 th March	Thurs 11 th March	Fri 12 th March
All Yr 11, All Yr 10 and Yr 9 (sets P,R,N only) in school as normal	All Yr 7, All Yr 8 and Yr 9 (sets E,S,T only) in school as normal	All year groups in as normal	All pupils in as normal	All pupils in as normal
All consenting pupils will be tested throughout the day	All consenting pupils will be tested throughout the day	No testing to take place unless we have pupils who have had problems with previous testing	All consenting Yr 11, Yr 10 and Yr 9 (sets P,R,N) pupils will take their 2 nd test	All consenting Yr 7, Yr 8 and Yr 9 (sets E,S,T) pupils will take their 2 nd test

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Mon 15 th March	Tues 16 th March	Wed 17 th March	Thurs 18 th March	Fri 19 th March
All year groups in as normal	All year groups in as normal	All year groups in as normal	All year groups in as normal	All year groups in as normal
No testing to take place unless we have pupils who have had problems with previous testing	All consenting Yr 11, Yr 10 and Yr 9 (sets P,R,N) pupils will take their 3 rd test	All consenting Yr 7, Yr 8 and Yr 9 (sets E,S,T) pupils will take their 3 rd test	No testing to take place unless we have pupils who have had problems with previous testing	Normal school day

After the third test pupils will receive a test at home kit and this should be done 3 days after the pupil's last test. Following this, testing at home should take place twice a week with results recorded with the NHS Test and Trace and school. Guidance will accompany the kits and we are producing a video that will be available on our website to help with testing.

As you will note this plan ensures all pupils have been tested once and hopefully all negative before all pupils return to school. This phasing does result in Yr 11, Yr 10 and part of Yr 9 not being in school on 9th March and the remaining year groups not being in school on 8th March.

In order to make sure we can conduct approximately 72 tests per hour we will be bringing in additional staff. This makes sure we get all pupils tested as quickly as possible but more importantly safely back into classrooms as quickly as possible.

In order to move forward to a sense of normality for the pupils we have increased staffing so that we can apply a rigorous one way system around school and also ensure continuous cleaning of our toilets.

This has been done so that we can operate year group bubbles allowing us to follow a normal school day for the remainder of the term. The only adjustment being, in order to get through the testing, lunch may end at 13.30 during the testing weeks.

- 8.20 – 8.40 Registration
- 8.40 – 9.40 Lesson 1
- 9.40 - 10.40 Lesson 2
- 10.40 – 11.00 Break
- 11.00 – 12.00 Lesson 3
- 12.00 – 13.00 Lesson 4
- 13.00- 13.45 Lunch (*possibly 13.00-13.30*)
- 13.45 – 14.45 Lesson 5 (*possibly 13.30-14.45*)

At break and lunch pupils in year bubbles will use the three different areas in school to pick up lunch and eat this in their year group zones.

At break drinks and snacks will be available and a limited menu of hot and cold sandwiches will operate at lunch.

Again the additional staff on duty will ensure bubbles don't burst and that any possible contact with others is transitional. I know this will be an anxious time for all hence the increased staffing I will have in place but I am sure pupils will respond appropriately to the situation, reflected in their behaviour. It goes without saying that any behaviour that breaks the procedures put in place to keep everyone safe cannot be accepted.

If you did not consent to testing the first time round and would like to now do so, a new consent form will be going to all parents shortly on Firefly. You do not have to give consent if you have already done so.

Can I thank you for the continued support and messages we have received during lockdown, they are always a joy to read and always lift our spirits. Can I also thank you for the way you have engaged with and supported the home learning; as a parent myself I appreciate the difficulty of juggling work and additionally your child's home learning along with getting through the day to day.

All at Archbishop Temple are thrilled we are getting pupils back into school and will continue to make sure that the impact of the lockdowns we have endured is minimised as much as possible.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivan Catlow', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr Ivan Catlow
Headteacher