

26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

**We are delighted to be able to begin the process of re-uniting the CHS South community by returning our students to school!** From Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March we will begin the process of phasing all students back to school following the control measures in our published risk assessment which can be found here: <https://www.chssouth.org.uk/in-school-operation/reopening-arrangements>. **All students will be expected to attend CHS South ongoing from the dates published in accordance with our attendance policy.** Students who are classed as clinically extremely vulnerable should have been advised to shield; please contact us if this is applicable to your situation.

To allow us to return our students safely they will be readmitted to school as follows:

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March Year 8		Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March Year 7		Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March Year 9	
Class	Arrival	Class	Arrival	Class	Arrival
8H1 (8AU)	8.45	7C1 (7ST)	8.45	9C1 (9EP)	8.45
8H2 (8CC)	9:00	7C2 (7BA)	9:00	9C2 (9JW)	9:00
8C1 (8EW)	9:15	7H1 (7HS)	9:15	9H1 (9SD)	9:15
8C2 (8EH)	9:30	7H2 (7ZC)	9:30	9H2 (9HB)	9:30
8S (8GK)	10:00	7S1 (7CH)	10:00	9S1 (9JM)	10:00
8O (8ET)	10:00	7S2 (7SL)	10:15	9S2 (9SP)	10:15
		7O (7GH)	10:30	9U (9AK)	10:15

If your child is due to return on Wednesday or Thursday, we will still provide remote learning ‘live lesson’ for students, which we expect them to attend. **Our Key Worker Provision will be reduced in number next week and we intend to wind this provision down on the 8<sup>th</sup> March to allow us to focus on the safe return of our school community;** if you qualify and it is absolutely necessary for your child to access this provision on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, please let us know via [admin@chssouth.org.uk](mailto:admin@chssouth.org.uk).

**Prior to their return to school I am asking that families consent to their child undertaking a lateral flow device (LFD) test on their return to school** to protect the safety of our school community as we attempt to successfully reopen. This will be the first of 3 tests before we move to issuing students with their own home self-test kits. Please visit <https://www.chssouth.org.uk/parents/consent-form-nhs-test-and-trace-covid-19-testing> to acknowledge your consent; we will not test your child without it.

**When returning to school students should attend site ready and equipped for their school day.** Our uniform supplier John McHugh report that they have good stock levels of all uniform and PE kit. All pupils are expected to return to school in full uniform and wearing full PE kit and a blazer on PE days. Please replace any items that have been outgrown before your child returns to school. For those needing new shoes, if you choose to buy trainers these must be all black and have no logos. We would also like to remind you that students should not attend school wearing false nails or excessive make up.

**On their published return date students must arrive promptly at the time indicated in the table above** to allow us to manage the testing process before they are readmitted to school. Students will arrive on site and line up in their usual positions. Students with consent will be taken by our staff to the Chorlton High School Test Facility. Students will undertake their test and be brought back to CHS South to wait in the Dining Room for their result. Students with a negative result will be readmitted to their lessons. Students with a positive result will be safely & sensitively isolated and we will contact you and ask you to collect your child and take them for a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test at an approved test centre, await the outcome in isolation, and inform us of the result as soon as you are able to.

**Once readmitted to school all students will follow their usual timetable and the staggered start and finish time we employed in the Autumn Term.** We ask that all pupils arrive to school on time and enter the site at their allocated time. This should limit the number of pupils who congregate on the pavement outside school.

- For **Year 7 and 8 the school day starts with lining up at 8.50am.** All Year 7 and 8 pupils are admitted to school at 8.40am and **expected to be in their yard by 8.45am.**
- For **Year 9 the school day starts with lining up at 8.40am.** All Year 9 pupils are admitted to school at 8.30am and **expected to be in their yard at 8.35am.**

**When on site students should follow the usual controls we have employed to date to ensure the safe return of our community.** This includes 2m social distancing, regular hand washing/sanitising, limiting unnecessary interaction with others and wearing a face covering inside unless exempt.

**The Government have revised their guidance regarding face coverings guiding school communities to employ them indoors, including classrooms, where 2m social distance isn't possible.** To this end we will be asking all students to wear face coverings indoors at CHS South, including in lessons, unless they are exempt. The definition of exempt in the latest guidance is as follows:

*Those who:*

- *cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical impairment or disability, illness or mental health difficulties*
- *speak to or provide help to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate*

If this definition applies to your child please let us know via [admin@chssouth.org.uk](mailto:admin@chssouth.org.uk) and we will issue them with an exemption badge.

**The start of the second half of the Spring Term marks the halfway point of the academic year for students, and for our founding Year 9 students it marks the halfway point of their school career.** We were due to begin Spring 2 Progress Tests on the calendared date of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March to assess students' progress to date. We have decided it would still be fruitful for the pupils to have their progress checked in the Spring Term to understand their progress to date with distance learning, however to balance this with a successful and happy return to school we have extended the window for their progress checks to take place. We will still report the outcomes home to you; however this extension will mean the academic reports for students will be sent home after the Easter holiday rather than before.



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**Finally, I would like to make you aware of a change to our published calendar for the forthcoming Summer Term.** School will now be closed to students on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July to allow us to pack up and shut down our temporary site and begin the process of moving to our permanent home at Hough End.

As always, thank you so much for your ongoing support and I look forward to seeing you all again in person very soon.

Yours sincerely,

David Prophet

Headteacher

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