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Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family are safe and well.

I am sure you are aware that the government has announced all students will return to school in the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March. We are looking forward to welcoming students back into school, and I want to assure you that the safety of all staff and students will be our absolute priority in organising the return. We will implement the published government guidance very rigorously and ensure that the school is safe.

All of the safety measures that were put in place in the autumn term will remain. This includes the staggered start and finish times to the day.

## **Return to School Dates**

The start dates and times for each year are shown below:

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 (at 8.50am)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 & 10 (at 8.40am)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 & 8 (at 8.30am)

Students should go straight to their first lesson, when they arrive in school.

## **Covid Testing**

As part of the safe reopening of the school, all students are being offered Lateral Flow Covid Tests. These are self-administered by students and are very easy to carry out. They give a result in just 30 minutes. We are asking for your consent for your son/daughter to take part in this testing. We urge you to give this consent, as testing will contribute to keeping your family and everyone else at Moat safe.

If you have not already given consent the link is below: <u>CONSENT HERE</u>

The school has to provide three tests to each student within two weeks of their return to school. The first of these tests has to be provided the day before the students start back. The tables below show when your son/daughter's form group should come into school for their first test. Students should only come into school for a test if you have given consent following the link above. Students should arrive at the time given and queue up in a socially distant manner. They will be directed where and how to do this. When the students have had their test, they should leave the school









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site and go straight home. Under no circumstances should students wait outside school for friends, either before or after their covid test. On the day that their year group is being tested, staff will not be teaching remote lessons.

Form Group
11.1
11.2
11.3
11.4
11.5 and 11.6
11.7
11.8
11.9

# Year 11 Testing: Monday 8th March

## Year 9 & 10 Testing: Tuesday 9th March

Form Group
9.1 & 9.2
9.3 & 9.4
9.5 & 9.6
9.7 & 9.8
10.1 & 10.2
10.3 & 10.4
10.5 & 10.6
10.7 & 10.8

# Year 7 & 8 Testing: Wednesday 10th March

Arrival Time	Form Group
8.30am	8.1 & 8.2
9.15am	8.3 & 8.4
10.00am	8.5 & 8.6
10.45am	8.7 & 8.8
11.30am	7.1 & 7.2
1.15pm	7.3 & 7.4
2.00pm	7.5 & 7.6
2.45pm	7.7 & 7.8









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You will receive a notification on your phone on the day of the test, showing your child's covid test result. Obviously, if a student has a positive test result they will need to stay at home and self-isolate for the next ten days.

The second and third covid test will be given over the first two weeks after students have returned to school. You will also receive a notification of these results in the same way.

After the school has carried out the first three tests, testing passes to families to administer the tests going forward. We will be giving students home test kits with instructions on how to use them, and I will contact you with details of how this will work when the school receives them.

It is important to realise that even if students test negative, they should continue to follow all of the covid safety procedures in school.

#### Face Masks

The new government guidance makes clear that students should now wear face masks in class. Although I recognise the challenges this will bring to students, it will keep us all safe. On our return we will be expecting students to wear masks at all times while in class, corridors or communal areas. This rule will not apply while sitting down in the dining room or taking part in PE lessons indoors.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all that you have done to support us in providing remote education whilst the school has been closed. The attendance and engagement of our students has been excellent. This is as a result of the strong partnership between the school and our parents. I recognise the challenges home education has brought to you, but you have done a fine job!

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support in such difficult times. I am sure that we all hope that this is the final covid related closure and that society can start to return to normal.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school, via the Main Office.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr B Killeen Principal





