



23 February 2021

Dear parents, carers and guardians

Following the government's announcement yesterday regarding the return to school, I need to stress that **the return needs to be phased and the following details are provisional** and will be confirmed as soon as possible. Students cannot come back to school for routine lessons until we have:

- provided you with information about Lateral Flow Tests (LFT);
- consent from you for a Lateral Flow Test for your child;
- undertaken the test;
- received a negative result for your child.

We are not allowed to start testing until Monday 8 March at the earliest. We also want to ensure that after your child has undertaken three tests, that he/she is competent at doing the remaining tests at home.

The final online lesson will take place lesson 5 on Friday 5 March. Work will be set via Google Classroom after this time for those students working from home.

At the end of this letter is a provisional outline of our plan.

Current students onsite

There are no current changes to students who are currently receiving on site education.

Lateral Flow Tests

The logistics of managing this on site are quite complicated especially in the first two weeks. The disruption regarding staffing, changes to use of space and scheduling constraints will have a bearing upon our ability to start school afresh.

Lateral Flow Tests parent consent

In the meantime we do need to obtain consent for a student to have the test. Please read the following documents: <https://poolehigh.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2021-02-23-Covid-TestingMainSchool.pdf> Once read, please complete the following form by **Thursday 25 February 3pm** [click here](#) – indicating if you give/do not give consent. It is vital we have all forms returned. If you do not give consent you will not be able to return on the same day that your year group returns.

Lateral Flow Test volunteers

We would welcome volunteers who can assist with lateral flow testing especially in the dates between 8 and 26 March. Please follow the link if you are able to assist even for a couple of half day sessions <https://forms.gle/b1muVHXRwTKhxSAUA>

Face Masks

Masks need to be worn on site and the criteria for exemption has become more rigorous. The government has stressed that the more stringent approach to this will be reviewed by Easter,

but the prevalence of the virus in the community is so pronounced that this measure is needed. See [p12 of this document](#).

Once we have worked through the details of this, I shall be in touch with further information. The **provisional** plans are as follows:

Friday 5th March Last day of online live lessons. Thereafter, work will be set until your return.

Monday 8th March Work set via Google Classroom (Equipment arrival and setting up of scaled LFT; staff tests, Checking and chasing of consent replies...)
LFT Testing only of Years 10 and 11 students (not lessons)

Tuesday 9th March Lateral Flow Tests for Year 7 and Sixth Form students (not lessons)
Lessons begin for Years 10 and 11

Wed 10th March Lateral Flow Tests for Years 8 and 9 (not lessons)
Lessons begin for Year 7 and Sixth Form students

Thurs 11th March Lessons begin for Years 8 and 9

Yours sincerely

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Mr P Gray
Headteacher