



FAQs Safe Return Plan March 2021

1) What day will my child return to school?

These dates are still to be regarded as provisional and we will be in a position to confirm w/c 1st March.

Onsite lessons resume for children on the following schedule:

Tuesday 9th March Year 11 and 10

Wednesday 10th March Sixth form and Year 7

Thursday 11th March Year 9 and 8

2) How do I give consent for my child to be tested (Lateral Flow)?

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](#)

3) If I choose to not give consent, will my child be disadvantaged?

No. The test is voluntary. We strongly recommend that students take the tests out of consideration for the well-being of our whole community.

All parents should complete the following form by **Thursday 25 February 3pm** [click here](#)

4) How will my child know what to do in the testing?

A film is being produced to prepare students about the process and will be sent out shortly. On the day, staff will be in attendance to support.

5) When does my child attend for testing? Are there any details available?

The first onsite testing will be completed on the following schedule. Children will attend for their test and then return home to continue working on the Google Classroom. The specific time-slots will be communicated to you separately. Please be punctual, **wear full uniform and a mask, and distance safely throughout.**

As mentioned:

Monday 8th March Year 11 and 10

Tuesday 9th March Sixth form and Year 7

Wednesday 10th March Year 9 and 8

You will be informed of a timeslot for your child to attend closer to the time. Please be aware there will be no supervision for your child outside of this timeslot. The next two tests will be onsite – schedule to follow. Thereafter, children will be sent home with two tests to follow.

6) If I do not give consent for my child to be tested when do they return?

They will be able to return alongside the rest of their year group in the schedule in answer 1.

7) Can my child do the Lateral Flow Test if they have previously tested positive for Covid?

We have been advised if someone has tested positive they are exempt from taking LFT's for 90 days from the date of testing positive/first sign of symptoms. If you choose to take part in testing during the 90 days and receive a positive result from a LFT you will be required to isolate for 10 days. If you show symptoms you will still be required to isolate until you have received a PCR negative test result.

8) What will happen if my child tests positive following a Lateral Flow Test?

Parents will be contacted immediately to collect their child. The student will need to isolate for 10 days from the date of the test. Under the current guidance, the same will need to apply for the rest of the household.

9) What do I do if my child has been informed to isolate by NHS track and Trace?

Contact the year attendance office ASAP.

10) If my child develops any of the main COVID symptoms can I send them to school for a test?

No, if your child has COVID symptoms, please keep them at home to isolate and book a test <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

11) What do I do if my child tests positive for Covid?

Isolate for 10 days from the date of the test or first symptom and contact the year office immediately or if out of school hours email: school@poolehigh.poole.sch.uk

12) Will my child be required to wear a mask?

The requirements to wear a mask in communal areas in school will continue as in the autumn term e.g. corridors, entrance and exit of school. **Additionally** the government has said that **at least until the Easter holidays**, masks must also be worn in the classroom. Please ensure that you child attends school with their plain mask as part of their daily equipment. Please discuss with your child the importance of this so that learning time is not lost following this up with children. Our Sixth Form students were exemplary at this throughout the last term.

13) My child is anxious about wearing a mask?

The government have set out the criteria for mask exemption. While no one is entirely comfortable wearing a mask all day, it is a crucial part of the safe return plan and your encouragement to your child will be very much appreciated.

14) Does my child have to go back to school when it reopens?

The Department of Education has said that it will be **mandatory for pupils to attend schools in England** from the date that they are eligible to return. It will be a parent's legal duty to ensure that their child attends. The ability for a school or local authority to impose sanctions for non-attendance – including fines – will be reinstated.

The exception to this applies to students on the 'shielding patient' list. Those children who are confirmed as clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) are advised to, "shield and stay at home as much as possible until further notice".

15) My child is entitled to Free School Meals what happens until they return to school?

Vouchers have been set up to run up to and including Friday 5 March. You will be informed re w/c 8 March by text but when back in school will revert back to canteen provision.