



3rd March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our students back from Monday 8th March. Please be advised that there will be a phased return to school as outlined below.

When students are accessing remote learning (MS Teams), their first lesson will begin at 8.45am.

If your child has borrowed a laptop or another piece of equipment, they must bring this back to school on their day of return. These items will be collected during form time.

This letter contains important information on:

1. Phased Return to School
2. Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs)
3. Return to School Routines

1. Phased Return to School

Students will return to school on the following days. All students are expected to return on the date below (unless ill or have a COVID related absence).

Full school uniform must be worn by all students. On the day(s) your child has PE they should come in full PE kit (see note regarding Year 9 below).

Yeargroup	Date of Return to School	Time	Please note	Borrowed IT
Year 11	Monday 8 th March	8.20am		Borrowed laptops / IT will be collected during form
Year 10	Monday 8 th March	8.20am		Borrowed laptops / IT will be collected during form
Year 9	Tuesday 9 th March	8.20am	No PE this week – full school, uniform must be worn	Borrowed laptops / IT will be collected during form
Year 8	Tuesday 9 th March	8.20am	On Monday 8 th - access remote learning via Teams from 8.45am	Borrowed laptops / IT will be collected

				during form
Year 7	Wednesday 10 th March	8.20am	On Monday 8 th and Tuesday 9 th - access remote learning via Teams from 8.45am	Borrowed laptops / IT will be collected during form

2. Lateral Flow Testing

Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) will commence from Monday 8th Monday for those who have given prior consent.

Almost 80% of our school community have consented to have lateral flow tests upon their return to school. A positive test result within a “bubble” will lead to close contacts of the confirmed case having to isolate for 10 days. Where this is the case, parents and carers will be notified immediately and those affected will have to leave the school site.

The tests will be conducted on the following days:

Monday 8th		Tuesday 9th		Wednesday 10th		Thursday 11th		Friday 12th	
Session 1	Yr11	Session 1	Yr8	Session 1	Yr7	Session 1	Yr11	Session 1	Yr8
Session 2	Yr10	Session 2	Yr9	Session 2	Yr7	Session 2	Yr10	Session 2	Yr9

Monday 15th		Tuesday 16th		Wednesday 17th		Thursday 18th		Friday	
Session 1	Yr7	Session 1	Yr11	Session 1	Yr8	Session 1	Yr7	Session 1	
Session 2		Session 2		Session 2	Yr9	Session 2		Session 2	
Session 3	Yr10	Session 3	Yr10	Session 3		Session 3		Session 3	

The arrangements for the LFTs are as follows:

- Students arrive in school on their designated day and go to form where they will watch a [short informational video](#) about what to expect during the testing process.
- Students will be escorted to the gym by their class teacher
- Unless medically exempt all students and staff must wear a face covering whilst in the gym.
- Students that are not being tested will wait in a separate area.
- Students who do have prior consent will self-administer a LFT under the supervision of trained adults.
- Once the tests are finished students will return to class with their class teacher.

3. Return to School Routines

Health and Safety

- Please note that for the foreseeable future, **students will be required to wear face coverings whilst in the school building, including classrooms**. This will help keep everyone in our school community as safe as possible and reduce the transmission of the virus and help keep our children in school.
- All of the school systems and routines that were in place in the Autumn term will remain in place from 8th March as the ‘Systems of Control’ that schools are asked to implement to help reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19 are still in place.

Routines

- a) Students will receive a new paper copy of their timetable during registration on their first day back in school
- b) Please ensure that your child is fully prepared for their return to school with their schoolbag, planner and equipment.
- c) ParentPay accounts should be topped up if parents require their child to purchase a school lunch (this can take up to 24 hours to credit).
- d) For the first two weeks we will not be able to offer a break time service for food due to the need to conduct the mass testing programme but the break time provision will resume from March 22nd onwards.
- e) School Day Timings for Years 7-11 are as follows:

Year Group	Session 1 Start	Break	Session 2 Start	Lunch	Session 3 Start	End of Day
7 Caritas	08.20 Chapel Yard	10.00-10.30 or 10.35-11.05	11.05	12.10 - 12.55 or 13.05 - 13.50	13.50	14.40 Chapel Gate
8 Top Floor (Red)	08.25 White Tennis Court	09.45-10.00 White Tennis Court	11.05	12.10-12.55 Cuisine: 12.10 White Tennis Court	13.50	14.45 Main Gate
9 Top Floor (Yellow)	08.25 Blue Tennis Court	10.05-10.20 Blue Tennis Court	11.05	12.10-12.55 Blue Tennis Court Cuisine: 12.30	13.50	14.50 Main Gate
10 Middle Floor (Red)	08.20 Red Yard (3G)	10.25-10.40 White Tennis Court	11.05	13.05-13.50 Cuisine: 13.05 White Tennis Court	13.50	14.40 Top Gate
11 Middle Floor (Yellow)	08.20 Yellow Yard (3G)	10.45-11.00 Blue Tennis Court	11.05	13.05-13.50 Blue Tennis Court Cuisine: 13.25	13.50	14.45 Top Gate

Please note: Year 7 break is now reduced to 15 minutes (as it was before the Christmas break).

We look forward to welcoming your child back to St Cuthberts and, as always, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



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