

26th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Return to school and Testing in Secondary Schools

Following the government's announcement this week all secondary schools in England will return to school **from 8th March**.

Friday 5th March

- This will now be an INSET day for staff.
- There will be no onsite provision for any children in school.
- All work will be set in the google classroom - no live lessons.

Monday 8th March

- All work for all year groups will be set in the google classroom - no live lessons.
- Year 7, 10, 11 and 13 will come into school for a testing slot only, all other students remain at home.
- Onsite provision for vulnerable and keyworker children that have been coming throughout this lockdown period only - Booking letters will be given out next week for booking.

Tuesday 9th March

- Year 7, 10, 11 and 13 - return to school as normal for 8.40am, normal onsite timetable of lessons.
- Year 8, 9, 12 - will come into school for a testing slot only - work will be set in the google classroom.
- Onsite provision for vulnerable and keyworker children (year 8 & 9 only) that have been coming throughout this lockdown period only - Booking letters will be given out next week for booking.

Wednesday 10th March

- All students in school at 8.40am for normal school timetable.

Covid Testing

All students and staff are strongly encouraged to take part in weekly testing. **In order for students to have the test you need to complete the attached [consent form here](#).**

There are 3 testing periods that will take place in school as follows:

	Year 7, 10, 11, 13	Year 8, 9, 12
Test 1	Monday 8th March	Tuesday 9th March
Test 2	Thursday 11th March	Friday 12th March

Test 3	Monday 15th March	Tuesday 16th March
Test 4 onwards	Students will be given home testing kits to complete at home twice per week. Results need to be collected. For those that are unable to do them at home, we will provide this facility in school - Further details will be provided when we issue the home testing kits	

First testing slot

- **Students should come in for their testing slot. These times will go onto our website by the end of the day on Monday 1st March.**
- Students must **ONLY arrive for their testing slot on the day allocated.**
- Students must arrive at the **back school entrance** by the car park of Raynham Road only.
- They will exit via the path down the Sports Hall side exiting onto Somerset Place.
- All students must:
 - **attend in full school uniform**
 - **bring their bag containing their reading book and the pencil case of equipment (with only the school provided equipment)**
 - **wear their face covering at all times within the school building**
- Students will have their uniform and pencil cases checked and restocked ready for learning. They will also be issued with their timetable.

Face Coverings

- Students will wear a face covering at all times **indoors, including in lessons** where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Students no longer need to wear them outside the building.
- Students do not need to wear them for PE or Dance lessons.

The DfE will review this over Easter and advise us if this needs to continue in the Summer Term.

Those students that are exempt will be issued with a lanyard or exemption badge so that they are not challenged regarding a face covering.

Please ensure that students have a **face covering with them each day** that is clean - we will not be able to provide all students with a face covering everyday but we will provide them as an emergency in case they accidentally forget - this is part of our daily uniform checks.

We are very much looking forward to having students back in school for their lessons, and I would like to thank you for all the support and positive feedback that you have provided to the college during this time. Next week I will write to you regarding **'preparations for returning to school'**.

Yours sincerely,

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Anita Frier
Principal