



1 March 2021

Dear Parents/ Guardians

### Arrangements for the return to school in the week commencing 8 March 2021

We will be writing to you over the next few days with more details concerning your child/(ren)'s return to school in the week commencing 8 March 2021, this will include more precise timings for arrival and the entrance that should be used. Ahead of the more detailed guidance, I would like to outline for planning purposes the day that your child will be invited in for testing and the day that they will be asked to return to school for face-to-face teaching. Please note that **we can only test those students for whom consent has been provided** (please complete the form available [here](#) if you have not already done so). **We cannot insist that your child is tested before returning to face-to-face teaching but we do strongly recommend that you consent for your child/(ren) to be tested both for the safety of the wider school and local communities and for training in advance of the switch to home testing.** If you have not provided consent for your child to be tested, they will need to return to school on the first day of face-to-face teaching for their year group as below. This is with the exception of Year 11, who should attend school on the day that the first test is administered to participate in an academic mentoring session.

The dates of the first test and the return to face-to-face teaching are as detailed below:

Year Group	Date of First test	Date of return to face-to-face teaching
11	08/03 - am	09/03
10	08/03 – pm	09/03
9	10/03 - am	11/03
8	09/03 – pm	10/03
7	09/03 - am	10/03

After the initial 3 tests for students on their return to school, students will be offered home test kits so that they can carry out twice weekly tests at home. We will share more information on this in due course. The kits we will provide will be for our students only. If you would like to request kits for the household or bubble of students, please follow the link available [here](#). Where possible, home test kits should be collected from a local test centre so that delivery can be reserved for those who really cannot make it to the test centre.

The risk assessment for mass testing is currently being reviewed and will be available on our website over the next few days. Please contact me via the office email should you have any questions or require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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