



26.2.21.

Dear Parents and Carers,

PUPILS RETURNING TO SCHOOL- WEEK OF 8.3.21.

I AM VERY PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT SCHOOL WILL BE FULLY OPEN AGAIN

I hope all pupils and their families are well and managing to continue to keep safe. You would have received contact from school this week to discuss lateral flow testing. Over 100 families have agreed to their children being tested.

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON 8.3.21. for testing and then FULLY OPEN FROM 9.3.21.

Plans for the week of 8.3.21

- Some pupils will transition back into school over 2 weeks and we will contact you to discuss this and plan for the transition back to school.
- 6th form age students are being offered blended learning (in school part-time) for the rest of term. Please read the separate letter.
- School will continue to risk assess daily and plan weekly dependent upon local changes to the risk of COVID.
- *We have undertaken a comprehensive risk assessment and plan for testing pupils.*
- *Staff have received their first vaccine and are being tested twice a week.*
- *Our site team continue to undertake a very thorough clean of the school. The risk assessment is available for you to read on our school website.*

TESTING ON MONDAY 8.3.21.

- You will receive a group call text with an appointment time for the test- please arrive on time and maintain social distance.
- A member of staff will support you in registering for the test and then your child co-operating with the test.
- Once your child has undertaken the test then you will take your child home and receive a text or email with the result.
- Your child will return to school on Tuesday 9.3.21. You will be given another appointment time for later in the week to come in and support your child in taking a further test.

Yours sincerely,

Bernice Kostick
Head Teacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

EXPECTATION OF FAMILIES FOR THE RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 9.3.21.

I am outlining below what measures are being put in place to make school safe to pupils and staff. This list also includes expectations of families:

1. Classrooms have been risk assessed and planned for safe positioning of seating. Resources for each pupil are stored in plastic boxes and not shared. We will be working in department bubbles and pupils will need to remain with their bubble.
If any pupil or member of staff becomes unwell with COVID19 symptoms then this will mean that we will operate safe procedures regarding isolation and communication.
2. Staff and pupils will follow strict hygiene procedures. This will include hand washing and sanitising all surfaces.
3. Each pupil will have a risk assessment.
4. Lunch will be eaten in classrooms and only a few pupils will go to the canteen to eat each day on a rota basis. All pupils will be able to access the full lunch time menu.
5. Start and finish times have been adjusted to allow for a safe arrival and departure from school. You will have to queue to drop your child off. There will be 2 meter marks for you to follow in the queue. If you are in a car wait with your child until we indicate that your child can come into school. **WEAR A FACE MASK WHILST ON SITE- DO NOT GROUP TOGETHER TO CHAT – WE MUST KEEP EVERYONE SAFE**
6. Strict hygiene routines will be required both in school and home- hand washing, clothes washed daily at home, pupils showered daily at home. School bags will need to be sanitised by families and any equipment not required removed from the bags. Families must agree to this.
7. Pupils that can will take twice weekly lateral flow tests
8. If your child or anyone in the home has symptoms you must keep your child at home, request a test and inform school so that we can put the necessary plans in place to reduce infection. You must inform school of the test result. Families must co-operate with this. **YOU MUST PROVIDE AN UP TO DATE TELEPHONE CONTACT NUMBER THAT WE CAN USE TO SPEAK TO YOU IN THE EVENT OF A COVID RISK. YOU MUST ANSWER THE CALLS MADE TO YOU BY SCHOOL STAFF**
9. You will be aware that the Government require high school age pupils to wear masks in school. You should try to encourage your child to wear a mask in school. If you plan to do this please ensure that the mask is either washed or changed regularly. If you prefer please provide a visor with your child's initials on it

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DROP OFF TIMES FOR PARENT DROP OFF – 9.15 A.M. AND PICK UP IS 2.30P.M. – PLEASE CO-OPERATE WITH THESE TIMES

Thank you for your co-operation.

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