

4 March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

We are looking forward to welcoming students back on site, next week, in a phased return.

As I outlined in my [letter](#) last week, it is vital that we test students, in a socially distanced manner for their first lateral flow test. If we bring students on site for the first test without social distancing and then have a positive Covid test, the class bubble (KS3), or year group bubble (KS4), would immediately have to return home and isolate for 10 days.

No student will be tested without consent from their parents and all students swab themselves.

Students will begin learning in school on the day after these booked tests.

Remote work will continue to be provided for all year groups until the day of their return.

Your son / daughter does not have to be tested to return to school with the rest of their year group, but it is strongly recommended.

The return of students in addition to the mass covid testing is operationally complex for us, and for the students.

This [presentation](#) has key details that will hopefully address any queries you might have about the covid testing or phased return.

The presentation has **very important information** about face coverings, testing in school, testing at home, meal provision, bus transport and the minor changes to arrangements for year 7 and 9.

We only have one staff member operational in reception at a time due to social distancing in the front office, please bear with us if phone calls take time to be answered, we have the office [email](#) which can be used instead.

I would like to again express my thanks to the volunteers who will be working in the testing centre alongside our staff.

Yours faithfully



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