



GN/DS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited about finally getting our students back. Further to my previous letters, please find details of our phased return arrangements for the week beginning 8 March 2021 which I hope you will find useful.

As you know, we are required to offer all students access to testing. Whilst this is not compulsory it is highly recommended as a strategy for protecting students, their families, school staff and the wider community from spreading infection. Pupils will be tested according to Year groups. Once they have a negative test they will be free to start school. Students not taking a test will start school on their allotted Year group day. Requests for permission have already been sent out to you.

Students will arrive on site for testing at their allocated time, which will be confirmed next week. They will come in through the main doors where they will be greeted by staff. They will go through to the testing centre which is situated in the dance studio. They will leave the dance studio through the external doors. Students should only come at their allotted time and must leave site immediately. They must not wait around for friends on site.

We would ask that students wear a mask at all times on site except when they are actually taking the test. Of course exemptions will apply. Students who are coming in for testing and leaving straight away do not have to wear school uniform. The testing and phased return schedule is as follows:

Year Group	Testing takes place	First day back at school
Y7	Wednesday 10th	Thursday 11th
Y8	Thursday 11 th	Friday 12 th
Y9	Thursday 11 th	Friday 12 th
Y10	Tuesday 9th	Wednesday 10th
Y11	Wednesday 10th	Thursday 11th

First day back

Students should queue up at the entrance of the bubble for their year group.

The guidance is that student should wear masks in lessons (excepting practical PE) and corridors. Genuine reasons for exemptions will be allowed and those students will be issued with a lanyard.

All students will be expected to return wearing full school uniform. The adjustments remain in place regarding wearing of a visible jumper or skins underneath their school shirt and jumper.

Students should arrive prepared to start work in lessons straight away so they should bring all necessary equipment with them for that day.

Over the next week we will be finalising our plans and will give you further details then.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you need to.

Yours faithfully

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