



23rd February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well. You will no doubt have seen on the news last night that schools will re-open from March 8th and we are excited to welcome your children back to full time education.

As I have stated before, Headteachers get no more information about this ahead of the announcement than you do, and so I will be meeting with colleagues to look at how we re-open effectively and safely.

Critically, the issue is that any students who have consented to being tested for Covid will have three tests in school during the first two weeks back. The Government are allowing schools to re-open in phases during the week of 8th March so that the testing can be managed. I will write to you before 8th March with our plans for this, but **please do not assume your child will be back in school on 8th March**. Your child's year group may start back on a different day that week to allow us to do the testing.

Ahead of 8th March, please be mindful of a few things:

1. If you have not given consent, then please consider doing so by using one of the links below:
 - a. Consent form for children under the age of 16: [LINK](#)
 - b. Consent form for children over the age of 16: [LINK](#)
2. Please ensure your child has full school uniform ready for his/her return. Missing items need to be ordered online to be with you ahead of 8th March;
3. All pre-existing Covid rules in school will apply. Please ensure your child:
 - a. Knows to follow the one way systems;
 - b. Knows to socially distance from others (including on the way to/from school);
 - c. Has a **plain** face mask (any patterns are not acceptable to avoid any issues with inappropriate logos etc);
 - d. Regularly washes/sanitises their hands.

Thank you for your support in all of the above, and we look forward to seeing your children face to face in a few weeks.

Yours faithfully

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