



25 February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Further to my letter on 23 February 2021, I am writing to outline our plans for the wider return to school in more detail.

Until 08 March students will continue with their remote provision in the usual way; however, on Friday 05 March the live aspect of lessons will be replaced with pre-scheduled set tasks. Staff will be invited into school on this day as part of the voluntary mass testing arrangements and to prepare for the following week after such an extended period of school closure. Should students finish the tasks they are set on this day, they should use this time to complete any outstanding work from the period of remote learning.

The week beginning 08 March will see the phased return of face-to-face learning in class. This return will be staggered to accommodate the voluntary mass testing programme. Until the day of the first test for each year group, students will continue to work remotely on the tasks they are set by their teachers. After the first test for their year group students will return to face-to-face lessons in school in the normal way. Students who are not taking part in the voluntary mass testing should still return to school at the same time as their peers, and will be taken directly to lessons. The timetable for testing and the return date for each year group can be seen in the table below.

A more detailed version of this schedule will be sent to you next week, confirming specific arrival times for students on their first day back. Arrivals will be staggered so that the tests can take place in a controlled, socially distanced manner; students will remain in school for the entire day, following their test, according to their normal lesson timetable.

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Phased return: first day in school, and date of Test 1</b>	<b>Test 2</b>	<b>Test 3</b>
Year 13	Monday 8 March	Thursday 11 March	Tuesday 16 March
Year 12	Monday 8 March	Thursday 11 March	Tuesday 16 March
Year 11	Monday 8 March	Thursday 11 March	Tuesday 16 March
Year 10	Tuesday 9 March	Friday 12 March	Wednesday 17 March
Year 9	Tuesday 9 March	Friday 12 March	Wednesday 17 March
Year 8	Wednesday 10 March	Monday 15 March	Thursday 18 March
Year 7	Wednesday 10 March	Monday 15 March	Thursday 18 March

I would be grateful if you could read the [attached letter](#) regarding consent for Lateral Flow Testing and complete the survey form indicating whether or not you would like your child to be tested.

Alongside the voluntary mass testing programme, the measures and protocols which had previously been in place to help keep school as safe as possible will continue to operate. We will also provide an updated 'At A Glance' guidance document for parents similar to the one we produced for September. However, in summary these include:

- The school's one-way system
- Enhanced cleaning and hygiene practices
- Separate break and lunchtime arrangements for different year groups
- Wider opening/start time arrangements
- Revised and updated Risk Assessment
- Individual Risk Assessment for identified staff and students
- Face coverings - following updated Government guidance, students will now be asked to wear masks inside all areas of the school buildings (including classrooms) where individuals cannot maintain 2m social distancing. This will be kept under review by the government and has been introduced as a temporary measure. Students who are exempt should be registered using the following link: [Face Mask Exemption Form](#)

Exemptions apply to those who:

- cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical impairment or disability, illness or mental health difficulties
- speak to or provide help to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate

Over the coming days, we will continue to communicate key information, including our revised risk assessment and the finalised time-slotted testing schedule.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support; I am very much looking forward to welcoming students back to school later this term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Shapland', written in a cursive style.

**James Shapland**  
**Headteacher**