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Dear Families,

Re: Plans for Re-opening

You will no doubt have seen the Prime Minister's announcement earlier this week that all schools are to re-open from Monday 8th March 2021. We are extremely pleased and excited to be welcoming all learners back to school and in this letter I want to outline our plans for our COVID-safe re-opening of school.

Return of all Learners and Testing

As you will be aware from our communications with you earlier this week, all learners who have consented will be tested for coronavirus on their return to school. They will have a further two coronavirus tests once back in school. To aid our testing of learners, we will be staggering their return to school as laid out below.

Year Group	Date of Return
Year 11	Monday 8 th March 2021
Year 10	Tuesday 9 th March 2021
Year 7	Wednesday 10 th March 2021
Year 8	Thursday 11 th March 2021
Year 9	Friday 12 th March 2021

To support with testing of all learners, each Form Group will have an allocated time to arrive at school on their Year Group's day of return. Dr Potter will write to families next week to outline the staggered start times for each form group.

It is important to note that your child's return to school is not conditional on their participation in the testing programme. Learners who have not consented to being tested should attend school on the same day and at the same time as everyone else in their form group. Provisions will be made for them in school whilst testing of their peers is undertaken.

We will be leading assemblies for all learners on Thursday 4th March to explain in more detail the testing process.

To support the return of learners to school in the week beginning 8th March, learners who are awaiting their return to school will be completing remote work as per their Teams Assignments.

Please note that different schools may offer slightly different approaches to their reopening owing to schools having different requirements to ensure the reopening is Covid-secure and right for that school and their learners.



Attendance Expectations

Please note that attendance is mandatory from Monday 8th March and all learners are legally expected to attend school as normal. If learners or families have any concerns or queries about returning to school I would encourage them to contact the main office or a member of the school's Inclusion Team who will be able to offer additional support.

Whilst regular attendance at school has always been important, it is especially crucial given the amount of time learners have been away from school.

The usual procedures should be followed by learners and families where coronavirus is suspected. Families should self-isolate, arrange a test and keep school informed. Further guidance on managing suspected or confirmed cases of coronavirus will be shared with families next week.

Learners who have received shielding letters because they are clinically extremely vulnerable should continue to shield until 31 March 2021. I would be grateful if the parents/carers of these learners could contact school to discuss their circumstances with Dr Potter.

Learners who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable should attend school as normal.

Structure of school day and timetables

The structure of the school day as set out in the September reopening will remain the same. Key stage 3 learners will have class bubbles and learning zones. Key stage 4 learner will have consistent learning groups. This is to reduce movement around school and contact within and between year groups.

Due to changes in the curriculum some of our learners' individual timetables may have changed. Learners will be given their new timetable on their first day back in school and they will also be able to access these via Insight and the tutorial they will receive on March 4th.

Face Coverings

As part of the government's plans for re-opening schools from 8th March and as part of the government's systems of controls for preventing transmission, all secondary schools are to introduce the wearing of face coverings in all enclosed areas of school including classrooms. This has been introduced to reduce the risk of aerosol transmission.

It will be our expectation that all learners, who aren't medically exempt from doing so, will wear face coverings in all indoor areas of the building. Learners should bring at least two masks to school with them as they will be expected to replace wet or damaged masks. Learners will require small bags to seal their used masks in for the rest of the school day if they are not disposable masks.

Learners who are medically exempt from wearing a face covering will be expected to wear a lanyard at all times.

Hands, Space and Face

We will continue to encourage learners to regularly wash their hands, cover their mouth when coughing or sneezing and maintain social distance as much as possible.

Equipment and Uniform

Learners should ensure they have all the necessary equipment on their return to school and nothing in excess of what they require. Learners should have the following equipment with them at all times: pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, highlighter, planner, whiteboard pen/rubber, tissues, coloured pencils and scientific calculator.

Learners should limit the amount of things they're bringing with them to school so we recommend learners attend with a coat (weather dependent) and bag containing books, pencil case and essential equipment.

Learners are expected to return to school in full uniform, including blazers. Learners will continue to be expected to attend school in their PE kit on the days when they have Health and Wellbeing lessons.

We look forward to welcoming the whole school community back to school very soon. If you have any questions about any of the information contained within this letter then please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Marshall
Deputy Headteacher