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Dear Parent / Carer

Following on from my letter on Friday 26 February, I write to confirm the arrangements for the return to school and lateral flow tests.

Year Group	Lateral Flow Test 1 (For those who have consented)	Return to School Date
13	Monday 8 March	Tuesday 9 March
12	Monday 8 March	Wednesday 10 March
11	Monday 8 March	Tuesday 9 March
10	Wednesday 10 March	Thursday 11 March
9	Tuesday 9 March	Wednesday 10 March
8	Wednesday 10 March	Thursday 11 March
7	Tuesday 9 March	Wednesday 10 March

Further details will be sent out with the time of the test for that day- for those who have given consent. We will resume the staggered start and dismissal times that have been used all academic year. On their return to school date they should follow these times –

	Staggered Start time	Staggered Dismissal time
Year 7	8.30am	2.40pm
Year 8	8.35am	2.45pm
Year 9	8.40am	2.50pm
Year 10	8.45am	2.55pm
Year 11	8.50am	3.00pm

Information will follow for Year 11 students with regard to Period 7.



The school day will run as follows-

	Time
Tutor time	Staggered from 8.30
Period 1	9.00 - 9.50
Period 2	9.50 - 10.40
Break	10.40 - 10.50
Period 3	10.50 - 11.40
Period 4	11.40 - 12.30
Lunch	12.30 - 1.00
Period 5	1.00 - 1.50
Period 6	1.50 - 2.40
Tutor time	Dismissal staggered from 2.40

Entrance onto the school site will be from the main gate on Hall Lane. Each year group has a designated entry point into the building. Upon arriving in school this is where they must go (they will not be permitted to use another entrance)

Year 8 and Year 10 will be switching zone locations. This is to facilitate the change in Head of Year for Year 10, who will be Mrs McCarthy (who also remains as Head of Year 11). Please note the changes for Year 8 and Year 10 :-

The entry points are-

Year 7 - Science block

Year 8 - Old humanities / Sixth form block (by minibuses)

Year 9 - Canteen external door (by Mrs Moore's office)

Year 10 - Under the bridge into the main quad

Year 11 - Main school reception entrance

Before school

Students who arrive early to school (before their designated time) will be able to sit in their year group zone until tutor time starts. However, no food will be available and students must not go anywhere else around the site other than their designated zone.

Uniform and equipment

Normal high standards of uniform are expected. A full list is available on the school website. The only exception from lessons of PE. Students will be permitted to come to school in their PE kit on this specific day as no changing facilities for PE will be available in school. **Students must wear their blazer with their PE kit.**

PE kit will have to be correct (as per our uniform regulations), smart and clean. Only school PE tracksuits and PE hoodie / jumpers will be allowed. **No branded hoodies.**

Students will need to bring their own equipment with them. Whilst this has always been expected it remains crucial. Please ensure that your child brings with them a bag and all of the essential equipment they need for their lessons - pens, pencils, crayons, ruler, calculator, apron (D&T).

A reminder that hair should be of natural colour with no extreme shades or designs.

Attendance and Behaviour

Government guidance is that student attendance is mandatory. As such we will be enforcing the usual attendance policy and procedures. Having already missed several months of face-to-face

learning it is crucial that you do not take holidays during term time and that students attend school unless they are poorly.

You will be aware of our Prepared for Excellence behaviour and rewards system. This will be running from our return with the added expectation that students will respect and abide by the social distancing principles where appropriate. Sanctions and rewards will be recorded on Classcharts following the positive feedback from parents / carers.

Public transport

As per the government guidance, the use of public transport should be avoided wherever possible. If students are able to come to school by any other means, then it should be encouraged. If this is unavoidable, it is statutory for them to wear a face mask whilst on the bus / train.

School site access and parking

To help support our staggered starts and ends to the day, I ask you to consider the safety of the staff and students by not driving onto the school site if the gates are open. It is not permitted for you to park in the school grounds, nor on Hall Lane where double yellow lines are clearly marked. Increased patrols by traffic wardens will be in place upon our return. Additionally, if you wish to see a member of staff it must be via prior appointment. Where possible please speak to staff over the phone. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.

Face masks

We acknowledge that for many there may be considerable anxiety regarding the return to school.

The government have announced:

- Students must wear an appropriate face mask in corridors and communal areas
- Students must wear face masks in lessons, with the exception of outdoor PE
- Face masks must be worn correctly - this requires cleaning of hands before and after touching, including removing or putting them on, and the safe storage in individual, sealable plastic bags between use.

Thank you for all of your support during this difficult time. We look forward to welcoming all of the students back in due course.

Yours sincerely



Ian Moreton
Headteacher