

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We have made plans to bring all students back from the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Given that we are required to secure a negative test for returning students and staff, we have mapped out the mass testing programme so that we can perform the three tests required for all students before students are expected to test at home.

The **week of the 8<sup>th</sup> March** will be a blended provision for our students:

	Students attend live lessons on-line and working from home
	Students come in to school in allocated time slot to be tested and then go straight home to await test results – on this day there will be no live lessons, instead students will have work set for each lesson on Google classrooms by 8.30am. Work to be completed at home.
	Students attend lessons on-site

Day	Date	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	International Group	Year 12	Year 13
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> March								
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> March								
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> March								
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup> March								
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> March								

### First Asymptomatic Testing day

Students will be given a specific time slot to arrive at the **middle park gate** on the day. The time slot will be communicated by the Head of Year on their year group Google Classroom. Students should only come on this day at the specified time if parents have completed the consent form. Students who are 16 years or older can give consent themselves and will not require parental consent.

Students should wear school uniform.

Senior staff will greet the students and explain the procedures for testing. Once the students have been tested they will be sent home to await the test result and complete the work set on Google Classrooms. Please assume a negative test result unless the school has made contact with you about a positive result for your child. If your child tests positive they will be required to isolate at home for 10 days. <http://bit.ly/STAYHOMEGUIDANCE>

### Day after testing day

Students who receive a negative test result will be expected to attend lessons on-site the following day according to the same timetable as they followed in the autumn term. All students in that Year group should attend as normal on that day. Once the Year group commence lessons on-site there will be no further live lessons on-line. Virtual school will close.

The second and third tests will take place from 12<sup>th</sup> March until 24<sup>th</sup> March. Students will be taken out of lessons during the school day to complete these tests. They will be sent home after a test to await results and so we intend to do these tests close to the end of a school day to minimise any further lesson disruption.



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## Protocols on return

- Students should not attend school at any time if they feel unwell or exhibit any of the covid symptoms described here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>
- We will maintain our autumn term safety measures and protocols as a minimum and then introduce the students to enhanced measures:
  - Students and staff will need to wear face masks in lessons as well as in any other indoor areas. Students should have possession of three masks to ensure a clean change between travel to and from school and throughout the school day.
  - In addition to using our one-way systems, students will have reduced time in the canteen and seating will be arranged so that students cannot face each other. Whilst the weather can still be a bit colder students should have appropriate school jackets/coats as we will continue to spend break times in outdoor zones. Students should not congregate in corridors or any constricted spaces.
  - Frequent hand washing and sanitising at every entry point will be required.
  - Students will need to continue with their 'Year group bubbles'. This means they should not be mixing with others outside their bubble.
  - Once we have completed the first three Covid tests on site, students and staff will need to conduct the tests themselves, at home, twice weekly. Negative test results should help to minimise risk of spreading the virus whilst at school.

I hope this provides parents with enough information to make plans for next week. I aim to stream a video recording demonstrating the above information with a bit more detail on Thursday during afternoon registration for students and parents to watch.

## Free School Meals

If your financial circumstances have changed recently and you believe your child may now be eligible for Free School Meals, please contact [sara.crampsie@southfieldsacademy.com](mailto:sara.crampsie@southfieldsacademy.com) to obtain the application form.

We have so valued your support throughout this pandemic and ask that you continue to support us as we enter another challenging phase. The eyes of the nation are upon us and we have to do everything to succeed safely. If we work together we can not only keep our students safe but will be doing our part in bringing the current situation to a close.

Yours sincerely



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