

12th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back

It has been an enormous pleasure to welcome back your children this week. Although a few felt a little nervous it does appear that a return to the community feels very familiar, very quickly.

As the current virtual school arrangements come to an end, we should pause to reflect on your successes – children and parents alike:

- Accelerated progress in the development of digital literacy skills
- A level of resilience that has enabled more than survival, but indeed growth in the time of a world pandemic and national lockdown
- Increased independence – students have been driven to take responsibility for their own learning, made possible through the necessity to engage in virtual school

Please do not be swayed by media chatter about ‘catch-up’ or knowledge deficits. We would prefer to celebrate the achievements of our students and applaud you for what you have managed at home in the most challenging circumstances.

Well done and thank you.

Testing and protocols

Thanks also for all your co-operation with regard to consent for testing. This week we have administered nearly 1,500 tests with about 98% parental consent. This makes a considerable contribution to safety on-site. Attached are the arrangements for the second and third tests.

Students have been told that most of the autumn term arrangements remain in place. Additionally there are further enhanced safety measures to contribute to a reduction in risk of catching the virus:


4 additional safety measures

- **Testing 2 x a week**
- **Wearing face masks in classrooms** (as well as in all indoor areas)
- **Eat & Go** – canteen seating facing one way only, cannot stay seated after finished eating – please move on to outdoor zones
- **Constant movement in corridor/stairwell one way systems** – do not congregate, do not wait for friends in corridors

Please remember that the opening of schools has to be a success if the rest of the country is to be released from lockdown.

I look forward to our on-going partnership in achieving the best for your child. Please enjoy a safe and relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely



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Schedule for Lateral Flow testing and Home Kit Distribution					
	Monday 15th March	Tuesday 16th March	Wednesday 17th March	Thursday 18th March	Friday 19th March
Year 7		Tested within school day			
Year 8			Tested within school day		
Year 9			Tested within school day		
Year 10	Tested at end of day – students will be dismissed from 2-2.30pm.				Final School Test - tested at end of day – students will be dismissed from 2-2.30pm. Home test kits sent home with students
Year 11				Final School Test - tested at end of day – students will be dismissed from 2-2.30pm. Home test kits sent home with students	
Year 12L2	Tested within school day				Final School Test - tested within school day Home test kits sent home with students
Year 12L3	Tested at end of day – students will be dismissed from 2.30-3.30pm.				Final School Test - tested at end of day – students will be dismissed from 2.30-3.30pm. Home test kits sent home with students
Year 13				Final School Test - tested at end of day – students will be dismissed from 2.30-3pm. Home test kits sent home with students	
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