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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you so much for your support and for your constructive comments regarding the Lateral Flow testing taking place this week. We are all very much looking forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday 8 March.

From 8 March we will test all students (who have consented) in school on a further two occasions – this will require students to leave class and we will be working on these arrangements later this week. We will aim to minimise disruption to learning wherever possible. Following these two tests, students will be issued with home testing kits and further tests will be carried out at home. We are waiting for more details on the home testing kits and will communicate further once we have received and processed this information. I hope you will understand we are unable to send testing kits home at the moment.

Despite the Lateral Flow testing there is still concern over transmission of the ‘new variant’ of Covid-19. We are operating under government guidance/recommendations for the safety of all on-site and students will continue to work and socialise in their year group ‘bubbles’. Our updated Risk Assessment can be found on the website and the only change from Autumn Term is that as recommended, students will be asked to wear face coverings while in class – we have been operating this policy successfully with students on-site since January. Students are able to remove face coverings when eating, when outside and during ‘strenuous activity’ (further guidance on face coverings below, including exemptions). The government is reviewing the guidance relating to face coverings at Easter.

### Uniform

We are still in ‘winter uniform’ but given the warmer weather, students will be allowed to remove their jumpers. We realise that some uniform items are experiencing supply chain issues - as usual please could parents/carers provide a note if students do not have the correct uniform.

Students may attend in PE kit as specified below on days when they have PE.

Girls	Boys
School PE Sweatshirt or school jumper	School rugby shirt worn over indoor PE shirt. School jumper may be worn over rugby top
Black tracksuit bottoms, black leggings or PE ‘skort’	Black tracksuit bottoms OR black ‘skins’ worn under PE shorts OR PE shorts (can be worn under school trousers.)

As there is still the possibility of colder weather and while there is a need for increased ventilation, students will be allowed to wear coats in class at the discretion of teaching staff.



### Arrival on site

The school day starts at 8.50am and all students should arrive on-site before 8.49am. The school gates will be locked at 8.49 and students arriving after this will be recorded as 'late'. At the end of the day, students will be dismissed from 2.40pm in year group order. Arrival areas are still as follows:

Year Group	Arrival area
7	Back of school
8	Playground – Windmills end
9	Playground – Car Park end
10	Canteen
11	Common room/cloakrooms

### Transport

590 and 591 service buses will operate and students will be required to sit in their bubbles and wear face coverings.

### Face Coverings

In light of updated guidance please find details of our approach to face coverings below:

- We are asking and strongly recommending that students wear face coverings whilst in transit around the school, in social areas and in class.
- Face coverings may be removed when eating, when outside or when engaged in strenuous activity.
- Face coverings should be appropriate and worn effectively i.e. covering mouth and nose.
- Students with an exemption from wearing a face covering should bring a note from home to explain.
- We will provide a face covering if students do not bring their own.

### Lunch arrangements

Canteen food will continue to be pre-ordered via the 'Fusion online' app as before Christmas. This arrangement is likely to continue until we receive confirmation that we are able to remove the 'bubbles' system.

### Students self-isolating

The school will provide work for students to complete at home when students are self-isolating.

### Clubs and Activities

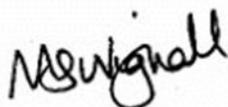
Government guidance on the return to school suggests that after school clubs and activities can only be offered to support childcare, therefore we will not be starting extra-curricular activities at the moment. Outside sport is scheduled to begin again on Monday 29 March so we will review this nearer the time.

### Virtual Inset day

To enable colleagues to manage the transition from remote learning to 'face to face' learning, staff will not be setting 'live lessons' on Friday 5 March although work will be set for each timetabled subject as normal.

Once again, thank you very much for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming your child/children back to school on Monday 8 March.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Wignall  
Headteacher