

Thursday 25th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Return to School Monday 8th March 2021

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday about the reopening of schools, I am delighted to tell you that the school will open for all students on **Monday 8th March 2021** to complete a lateral flow test and that all students will return to school for normal lessons from **Tuesday 9th March 2021**.

Testing day: Monday 8th March 2021

- It is recommended that all students complete a lateral flow test three times in school and then after that self test at home. More details about this can be found [HERE](#). It is a very simple test and is administered by the student with guidance from staff.
- Please complete this form [HERE](#) by **Tuesday 2nd March 2021** giving consent for your child to complete the tests. Please let us know if you would prefer a paper copy.
- The first tests will take place on **Monday 8th March 2021**. Children should enter via the Downham Road entrance. Please send your child to school at the following times:

Year group	Time
Year 7	between 8:45 and 9:45
Year 8	between 9:45 and 10:45
Year 9	between 10:45 and 11:45
Year 10	between 1:00 and 2:00
Year 11	between 2:00 and 3:00

- All children should return home immediately after the test. It is not necessary for your child to wear their uniform on this day. If your child cannot make this time for any reason, please contact the school to arrange another time on Monday 8th March.
- If your child has tested positive, we will contact you within about an hour to explain next steps. If you do not hear from us, you can presume your child tested negative in the test.

- When your child is at home on 8th March they should complete learning set on the DPR by their subject teacher. There are no live lessons on this day.
- If you do not give consent or have not returned the form, your child should remain at home on Monday 8th March.
- If your child has been attending school during the lockdown period, they can still attend school as usual.
- Second tests will take place on Thursday 11th March and Friday 12th March.
- Third tests will take place on Monday 15th March and Tuesday 16th March. At this test students will be given a home test kit to self test for the following weeks. More details will be provided at this time.

Return to school for all pupils: Tuesday 9th March 2021

- All students should attend school on Tuesday 9th March, regardless if they have been tested. Normal lessons will commence on that day.
- Attendance to school is mandatory from that day and usual attendance procedures will be followed.
- If you have concerns about your child's return to school or if they have symptoms of covid 19, please contact the school and speak to Laura Purcell, Family Support Worker.

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your child during the difficult period of school closure. Together we have made sure that students have attended over 90% of lessons and have continued to make progress in their live lessons delivered by our team of dedicated teachers. Expectations for online lessons remain until students return to school. I am delighted that we can welcome your child back to school very shortly and look forward to seeing them soon. In the meantime we will continue to deliver our remote learning offer and ensure our school is ready to safely reopen.

Kind regards



Charlotte Whelan
Headteacher