

ST/KJP  
1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are well.

As you will be aware from the Prime Minister's recent announcement and my last letter to you, all students will have a staggered return to full time on-site education from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This letter outlines our arrangements for this.

The Government has given secondary schools the discretion to determine the phased return for their school. Therefore, our return will be staggered to support the testing process and transition of students back into school. We are very much looking forward to having all students back in our school and want to assure you that – as has been the case throughout the coronavirus crisis – we will ensure the school is as safe as it possibly can be. Your child's health, and the health of all our students and staff, is always the most important factor for us.

The week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March will be a combination of twice weekly testing for those students who have consented, alongside some face to face on site lesson delivery to students. This transitional week will include reminding students of routines and procedures, the academy expectations around being Ready, Respectful and Responsible, some live teaching and time with their form tutor to support their wellbeing. The arrangements detailed below will allow us the time to give the students who have consented, two initial Covid-19 tests, which will support a safer environment for full opening and reduce the risk of transmission

### Staggered return week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March

When your child is not required in school for a test, or their year group has not been invited in for that day, work will be set for them to complete remotely at home through Microsoft Teams. However, due to the logistical challenges of managing the testing process, all teaching staff may not be available for live feedback during timetabled lessons that week. The table below outlines the timetable for week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March:

	Year 7	Year 11	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 12/13
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b> All remote learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Test 1 Year 12 9.30am – 10.30am Year 13 11.30am – 12.30pm
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> All remote learning	Test 1 S Half 9.00am-10.00am A Half 10.00am – 11.00am	Test 1 S Half 11.30am-12.30pm A Half 12.30pm – 1.30pm	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b> All remote learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Test 1 S Half 9.00am – 10.00am A Half 10.00am – 11.00am	Test 1 S Half 11.30am – 12.30pm A Half 12.30pm – 1.30pm	Test 1 S Half 2.00pm – 2.45pm A Half 2.45pm – 3.30pm	Remote Learning
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> All remote learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Whole Year on-site Test 2 for those with consent 9.00am – 3.20pm
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Whole Year on-site Test 2 for those with consent 8.40am – 3.00pm	Whole Year on-site Test 2 for those with consent 9.00am – 3.20pm	Remote learning	Remote learning	Remote learning	Remote Learning
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Remote learning	Remote learning	Whole Year on-site Test 2 for those with consent 8.40am – 3.00pm	Whole Year on-site Test 2 for those with consent 8.50am – 3.10pm	Whole Year on-site Test 2 for those with consent 8.50am – 3.10pm	Remote learning

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday students will use the pedestrian gate and the main entrance to the school. On Thursday and Friday students will follow the arrival times and routines and departure times and routines as per the table below. There is no face-to-face teaching until Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

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### Full return of all students on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March

All students will return to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March and the routines on timings to school and arrangements for the school day will be as they were in the Autumn term. The table below is a reminder of the timings of the day and which gate/entrance students use:

Year	Arrival	Gate	Entrance	Departure
7	08:40	Small car park	Main	15:00
8	08:40	Pedestrian	Student	15:00
9	08:50	Pedestrian	Student	15:10
10	08:50	Small car park	Main	15:10
11	09:00	Pedestrian	Student	15:20
12/13	09:00	Small car park	Main	15:20

### Assessment week update

There is an assessment week calendared for the w/b 15<sup>th</sup> March which I am going to remove and have that week as a teaching week. This means that Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March will now no longer be an Inset day and will be a normal school day. Students will break up for the Easter holidays at 12.30pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### Masks

The Government has recommended the use of face masks indoors – including in classrooms – unless two-metre social distancing can be maintained. This policy will be in place until at least the end of this term and will be reviewed after the Easter holidays. It applies to students, staff, and visitors (including parents), unless they are exempt from wearing one. We therefore encourage all students to ensure they have a supply of suitable face masks ready for the resumption of school from the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

We very much look forward to having our students back in school and would like to thank all of our students and families for their support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Mr Stuart Turnbull  
Principal