



24th February 2021

Dear parents and carers

Re: Full opening arrangements from 8 March

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister has announced that all school-age children will return to full-time, on-site provision week beginning 8th March.

In line with government guidance, we will be operating a phased return from 8 March so that we can deliver rapid-result testing. Students who need to remain at home for any point during this week whilst they wait for their first test (*or for those who opt out of testing*) will be provided with remote online education. Vulnerable students and the children of critical workers can attend full-time provision during this week, while student testing is taking place. They will remain in their designated POD areas.

Students will be offered three on-site LFD tests, administered three-to-five days apart from their return date, on the 8 March. Thereafter, they will be provided with home tests for twice weekly asymptomatic testing. **Testing is not mandatory, but is strongly recommended by the government.** Consent will need to be obtained prior to these tests being carried out – this will be acquired in a separate letter. **Students will self-administer the test under adult supervision.** Students who are following public health advice should remain at home, e.g. if they are required to self-isolate or shield.

Further details of the specific dates and timings for testing and accessing in-school provision will be shared with you next week.

We will also be sharing a revised return to school booklet for parents and students next week to inform you of our expectations and safety measures to support the safe return to school for all of our students.

Thank you for your continued support. We appreciate all you are doing in helping to create a safer school environment for our community. We look forward to safely welcoming back all of our students in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to speak to someone, please contact us on:

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Yours sincerely

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