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1st March 2021

#### **Dear Families**

We are delighted to be able to start welcoming some year groups back into classrooms again from next Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. All students will return to face-to-face lessons by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March which will allow for initial lateral flow testing prior their return to lessons.

### Remote learning: Wednesday 3rd March

This week is National Careers Week. Live lessons will be replaced on Wednesday with a focus on careers using a range of excellent resources and activities. It includes a virtual Careers Fair for students. Full details for students will be shared in Year Group Briefings and on Class Charts in advance of Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

### Microsoft Teams Live Event: Wednesday 3rd March at 2.00pm: Please join

There will be a Live Event on Microsoft Team for all students, parents/carers and staff this Wednesday. This will be a first for us! It is expected to last around 15 minutes and will outline the key re-opening information. Please do endeavour to join us. There will not be opportunities to ask questions or use the chat feature during this event, but we would ask you to contact the relevant pastoral teams following the event with specific queries should you have any. For any families not able to join this event live, we will make the recording available as soon as possible after the event.

To join this Live Event, use this link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-

join/19%3ameeting ODMyZGQyZWYtNzU0Yy00MDgxLTk5YTUtNGZkMDE2YjEzMGRk%40thread.v 2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%227865c6b8-85dd-4e8d-b30ed80edd5f32ec%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22b02c4e60-f42d-418a-9c2d-0b5ff4b33e04%22%7d

It will be possible to join the event from 1.50pm. It will start promptly at 2.00pm.

#### Phased return to school and testing arrangements

- To accommodate lateral flow testing for all students, and the safest possible return to school, there will be a phased return to face-to-face teaching for year groups.
- Vulnerable and critical worker provision in school for those students will continue until their year group returns to face-to-face learning.
- The schedule below shows when students will have their first lateral flow test. Once students have returned to school, they will have two further tests, 3 to 5 days apart, before home testing begins.
- The exact timings will be sent out to specific year groups. These timings must be followed and students should not arrive more than 5 minutes before their allocated slot.
- Students must wear a face covering when they come into school for their first lateral flow test, and they will be expected to socially distance from all others.
- Students do not need to wear school uniform when they come into school for their first lateral flow test. Students will be required to wear full school uniform on their return to school after they have had this first lateral flow test.
- Students will be met at Reception, and testing will take place in the School Hall.
- Parents should wait in their car if bringing their child to school for their test, or socially distanced from
  others if waiting outside Reception in the car park. Please note there will be very limited car parking for
  parents on the school site.



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- Once students have been tested, they will be required to go straight home. They are likely to be on site for between 15-30 minutes maximum.
- We will contact families should a child receive a positive test result. We will do this by telephone as soon as we receive a positive result.
- We will not contact you if your child has a negative test result.

Date	First Lateral Flow test	Back to teaching at school	Remote teaching (other than during testing times)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 Year 13	No year groups	All year groups
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 Year 12	Year 11 Year 13	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10 Year 12
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8 Year 9	Year 10 Year 11 Year 12 Year 13	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7	Year 8 Year 9 Year 10 Year 11 Year 12 Year 13	Year 7
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March		All year groups	No year groups

I would like to reiterate my thanks to our whole HT community for your continued support and care for each other during this period of national restrictions since Christmas. I very much hope that the return of all students marks the beginning of better times, with in due course, the full re-opening of society. However, for now, please can I urge everyone to play their part, to keep themselves and others safe, as the vaccination roll-out programme continues, and with testing and mask wearing in the coming days and weeks ahead up to Easter.

With best wishes

Yours faithfully

**Robin Newman** 

Principal

