



4 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Return to School – COVID 19 Arrangements

We are looking forward to being fully open in March and welcoming all our students back to school after completing the LFD Test for those students for whom we have consent. The testing and staggered return will be as follows:

Year group	Date(s) of first LFD test	Date of year group return to school
Yr13	Thursday 4th March	Monday 8th March
Yr12	Thursday & Friday 4 th /5 th March	Monday 8th March
Yr11	Friday 5th March	Monday 8th March
Yr10	Monday 8th March	Tuesday 9th March
Yr9	Monday & Tuesday 8th/9th March	Wednesday 10th March
Yr8	Tuesday & Wednesday 9th/10th March	Thursday 11th March
Yr7	Wednesday 10th March	Thursday 11th March

This letter is to give you further information about how we have continued to organise the school to support the Covid 19 safe measures.

We have designed our opening with three key strands in mind: Safety, Learning and Logistics. We have used the DfE document “Schools coronavirus (COVID-19) operational guidance February 2021” to inform our planning. This document was last updated in February 2021; I have included the link for those of you who would like to read the full details. [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/964351/Schools coronavirus operational guidance.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/964351/Schools_coronavirus_operational_guidance.pdf)

In light of the recent information from the DfE on face coverings, we will expect students to wear one, unless they are exempt. Full details regarding this are available in the attached document.

Each year group has been allocated year based areas and an outdoor space in the school; these are regularly referred to as Bubbles in the press and by the DfE. Students are asked to stay in their area during Tutor Time, Break and Lunch and must not go into other year group zones. Each area has its own Pastoral Base or Hub; these will be run by your child’s Head of Year and Assistant Head of Year and they will be supported by other members of staff.

Year groups will have different start and end times for the day. The only information you need to pass on to your child from the table below is their start time and the entrance they must use, to ensure that everything runs smoothly at the start of their first day. Students must not arrive at school earlier than the time stated.



Where possible, classrooms have been rearranged to be facing forwards and teachers will maintain a two-metre social distance from the students. The one-way system across the school has been refined to further support a Covid 19 safe environment.

Arrival and End times for the day, Breaks and Lunchtimes for each Year Group

Year Group	Start time	Outdoor Space	End time
Yr7	8.45 arrive at school at 8.40 using the main drive	New 3G	15.00 leave using the main drive
Yr8	8.45 arrive at school at 8.40 using the Eco gate	Old 3G	15.00 leave using the Eco gate
Yr9	8.45 arrive at school at 8.40 using the Eco gate*	Tennis Courts	14.50 leave using the Eco gate*
Yr10	9.00 arrive at school at 8.58 using the main drive	Cricket Pitch	15.15 leave using the main drive
Yr11	9.00 arrive at school at 8.58 using the Caretaker's gate	Tented Sports Hall	15.15 leave using the main drive (if turning right) or caretaker's gate if turning left.
Yr12 & Yr13	8.45 arrive at school at 8.40 using the main drive	Sixth Form Area	15.00 leave using the main drive or Caretaker's gate

*Four Year 9 groups are based in the Huts by the Sixth Form Area – these students may enter the site using the Caretaker's gate.

Please ensure that your child/children arrive at school in full school uniform and with their pencil case, in most cases with their packed lunch and school bag, from their first day. When your child has a PE lesson on their timetable, they must come to school in their PE Kit for the whole day, as we will not be using the changing rooms until further notice. Mrs Tyrrell and her team will keep you informed.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

I look forward to seeing your children safely back at school.

Yours sincerely



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