

1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing with important details regarding the reopening of school. I am very pleased that the school will be reopening next week and all at the school are looking forward to welcoming the students back. The health, safety and wellbeing of all members of our school community are always the first priority. Please read this letter carefully to understand the measures we need to take to reopen safely.

### Preventing the spread of the virus

No child should be sent in to school under any circumstances if they – or a member of their family – has any of these symptoms:

- A new continuous cough.
- A high temperature.
- A loss of change in your normal sense of taste or smell.

Anyone affected should isolate immediately and seek a test through the NHS. Schools do not test people with symptoms – such people must not come in to school.

### Testing in school

Schools have been asked to test each student three times during the next fortnight. One of these tests will be conducted before the students return, so please see the timetable for returning below. We will only be testing the students whose parents have given permission for this to take place. If parents do not wish their child to be tested, the child will be able to attend school. However, I am sure you understand that taking these tests will make the school a safer place, so I encourage all parents to give permission.

To give your consent for your child to be tested, please [click here](#).

### First test arrangements

- Students should see their 'Teams year group' page for the time their tutor group should arrive for their first test.
- Student will arrive at school and go to their playground.
- They will be called to the main hall to take their test and will then go straight home.
- Any student that tests positive will be notified as soon as the result is known.



## Re-opening schedule

Students will return to full time lessons on site according to the table below. At all times prior to their return they must continue working from home using the school's remote learning platform. Full details can be found by [clicking here](#).

Date	First day – attend only for your test.	First full day back of normal lessons	Year groups at school for full lessons
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	12		
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	13, 11		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	10	11, 12, 13	13, 12, 11
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	9	10	13, 12, 11, 10
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	8	9	13, 12, 11, 10, 9
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	7	8	13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March		7	13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7

## The school day

Please see below the plans for the school day. With staggered start and end times, it is important students arrive on time and leave straight away.

Year group	Arrival time	Entry and exit gate	Tutor room base	Playground	Leaving time
7	08:15	Main gate	Business corridor Ground floor	Front playground	14:30
8	08:20	Owen Road gate - playground	DT / Science Ground floor	Back Playground PE side	14:40
9	08:10	Astrofield gate – playground	Humanities corridor 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	Back Playground DT side	14:50
10	08:20	Astrofield gate – tutor rooms	Science corridor 1 <sup>st</sup> floor	Back Playground DT side	14:50 (15:50 Tues)
11	08:10	Owen Road gate – sports hall doors	English corridor	Back Playground PE side	15:50 (15:20 Th Fri)
Sixth Form	08:50	Main gate		Front playground	15:50



## Testing at home

After the students have been tested three times at school they will be given home testing kits. These home testing kits will allow students to be tested twice each week at home. They will log their test results online. Parents are also eligible for home testing kits. Please see full details from the government by [clicking here](#).

## Preventing the spread of the virus

### 1. Travel to and from school

All students should avoid using public transport wherever possible. For those that are unable to do this, please use face masks and hand sanitizer. It is also advised to sit by an open window as ventilation reduces the risk of infections.

### 2. Staff safe zones

Staff will teach from their 2-metre exclusion zone in each classroom. Students must not approach staff within two metres at any time.

### 3. Wearing of face masks

All students must wear a mask while in the building at all times. If you believe your child will have difficulty with this, please make contact with your child's head of year as soon as possible. Masks do not need to be worn outside, but must be worn in line ups.

### 4. One-way system

All students must follow the one way system to avoid mixing with other year group bubbles.

### 5. Ventilation in classrooms

Ventilation is a very powerful means to prevent the spread of the virus. Classroom windows will be open, so students will be permitted to wear coats and sweaters inside.

### 6. Safe behaviour

There will be no tolerance for any behaviour that breaks the school's safety measures. Please ensure that your child understands this.



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### Finally

I would like to wish you and your families all the very best at this difficult time. As always, the school will endeavour to provide the safest environment for high quality learning. All families have only to call the school if you require any support – we are always very keen to help.

Yours sincerely

John Jones

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