



much more than just a school



24 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school next month. The latest information from the government is that we can reopen from 8 March; not all children will be in on this day because we need to test children for Covid before they return to lessons.

We are planning how to make this return as safe as possible for students and staff. We will keep children in Year Zones and use separate break and lunch times and areas to help minimise the transmission of any cases of Covid.

We will be in touch as soon as we have identified the best way to induct all students who have not been in the Key Worker School into the Covid testing system we have in place.

Students will now need to wear a mask in many lessons (until at least the Easter holidays), around the school and at break and lunch times. They should also continue to sanitise regularly as well as keeping their distance from other people whenever possible. Please make sure you keep your child at home if they or you have Coronavirus symptoms - do not send them to school for us to test. The tests in school are to identify asymptomatic cases and so slow the spread of the virus. Other parents and carers, as well as school staff, need to know that everyone is following the government advice.

If a child is identified as positive on the test taken in school, they will need to isolate for 10 days along with any children or staff who have been close contacts. They do not need to undertake a further test to confirm the result of the school test.

On return to school, students should make sure they bring all books, kit and equipment that they will need for each day. Uniform requirements remain unchanged and students who are not in correct uniform may be sent home to change. Those who arrive more than 15 minutes late may also be sent home. It is important that children follow the rules. We will continue to ask parents and carers to come to school to speak with their children if their behaviour causes concern during the school day. This re-tracking conversation was well supported in the Autumn Term and proved effective in helping children to quickly improve their behaviour and so remain in school.

An Inset day was planned for 5 March and this will now be moved to later in the school year when it will allow staff to plan for students' learning based on their needs after the Covid lockdowns. Key worker school, remote learning and Year 11 tests will run on 5 March as a normal school Friday timetable.



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We will be in touch to confirm the plan for the week beginning 8 March in the next few days once we have identified the best way to support children with testing and their return to school.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Anders".

Christopher Anders
Headteacher

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Ella Capaldi
Head of School