

1 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We are very happy to be welcoming all students back to school.

We have planned a staggered return in Year Groups and by Tutor Groups to ensure we are able to have a calm and safe return to school. This means that all students will be in school from Wednesday, 10 March, but will be either learning remotely or attending a shorter day on Monday, 8 and Tuesday, 9 March.

The table below gives an overview of next week's return to school and the sections that follow outline the finer details. Please note that every Tutor Group in each Year Group has their own start time. They must stick to this. **Your child's time is at the end of this letter.**

A summary of the week beginning 8 March 2021

Year Group	Monday 8 March	Tuesday 9 March	Wednesday 10 March
7	Shorter day in school - testing, tutor and free lunch	Remote Learning	Normal School Day resumes
8	Remote Learning	Shorter day in school - testing, tutor and free lunch	
9	Remote Learning	Shorter day in school - testing, tutor and free lunch	
10	Shorter day in school - testing, tutor and free lunch	Remote Learning	Periods 1 and 2 with tutors Period 3 onwards: Normal lessons
11	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	
			Later start time in school - testing, tutor and free lunch followed by timetabled lessons

Shorter day in school

Each Tutor Group within each Year Group has a different start time. There will be lots of staff to meet and greet students and reassure them about the processes and routines when they arrive at school.

Students should arrive in full uniform, with their school bags and books at their designated time. They must line up outside of the Sports Hall by the main gate in their Tutor Group.

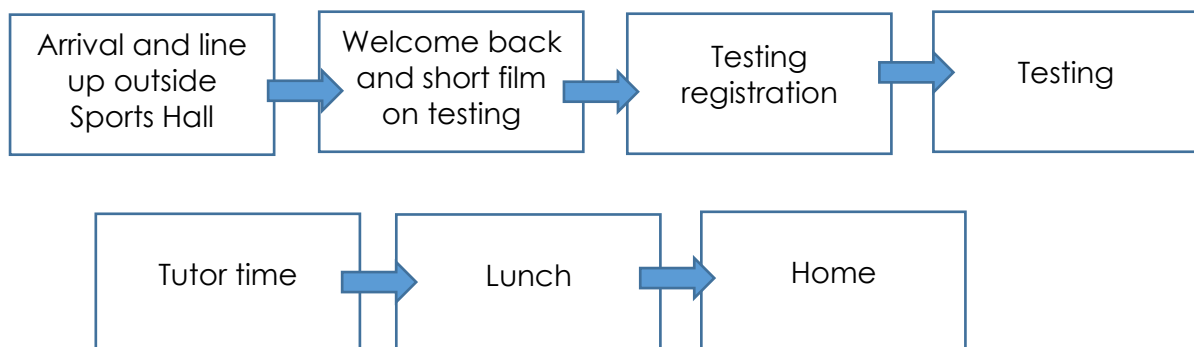
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Students will then be taken into the Sports Hall. They will be formally welcomed back to Park and watch a video explaining the testing and have a chance to ask any questions. Tutors will be with them all of the time to support. After this they will move on to registration for testing, the testing itself and then they will wait in the Lecture Theatre until their test result comes back.

After this, the rest of their time in school will be with Tutors to receive planners, timetables and remind themselves of learning routines at Park. If any child tests positive, their parent or carer will be contacted and asked to collect them and further instructions will be given about isolation.

Students will all receive a free lunch on this shorter day and will be dismissed at their allocated time to return home. The diagram below illustrates a typical shorter day but the order of the later activities varies according to start time.



- ❖ *If you have not consented to your child undertaking the testing, they will still follow the above induction, but will not participate in the testing session.*

Remote Learning

On the Monday, 8 March and Tuesday, 9 March, remote learning will be set for Year 11. There will be no live lessons and teachers will continue to set work remotely via Teams for their classes.

Full return to School from Wednesday, 10 March

On this day, Year 11 will attend school slightly later in the day following a staggered start and testing. They will stay in school until the end of the day.

Please do not send your child to school if they, or any member of your household, have Covid 19 symptoms.



School Zoning and Timetables

We will continue to operate our current Year Group Zoning and separate lunch and break areas for the rest of this term at least, but potentially the summer term also. Students will receive a free lunch on their shorter day, but will need to pay for food in the usual way, if they are not entitled to Free School Meals, from Wednesday, 10 March.

Please use the attached link to re-read September's 'Welcome back to Park booklet', to help your child prepare for the return to school:
[return-information-booklet.pdf \(pcs.hants.sch.uk\)](https://www.pcs.hants.sch.uk/return-information-booklet.pdf)

Testing beyond the induction day

Schools are being asked to test all secondary school students three times before this testing moves to home testing twice weekly. Therefore, the remaining two tests will be timetabled within the school day for all students over the course of the 10 days after they return to school. We will share the information regarding home testing with you as soon as we have it.

In the event of a positive test result

If a student tests positive for Covid 19, parents and carers will be contacted and they will be sent home to isolate for 10 days. Any close contacts will also be asked to isolate, unless they develop symptoms, in which case they would request a PCR test.

Uniform and Equipment

Please ensure your child arrives in full school uniform, with their face covering, their school bag and pencil case for their shorter day. They do not need to bring their school books or PE kit until Wednesday, 10 March.

Face coverings

Government guidance is currently that face coverings should be worn in classrooms. We will update our advice to parents and staff if this changes.


Year 11 awarding of qualifications Summer 2021

The government has now confirmed that for all qualifications in Year 11, teacher assessment will be used. We still await further guidance regarding this but Year 11 teachers have been busy gathering evidence of what each student has secured already and linking this to GCSE or equivalent grades.
















The expectation is that all Year 11 return to school and continue to work on their GCSEs courses, generating further evidence of their achievement. Teachers are required to enter these grades by **18 June 2021** and until this point all students are working on GCSEs.

A leaving date for Year 11 and arrangements for this will be confirmed later once final government guidance has been published, but in the meantime, the image below provides a helpful summary and reminds students of the importance of their ongoing attendance and effort. Results for Year 11 students will be published on **12 August 2021**.

How GCSEs, AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021



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Working out your grade	Evidence	Results and appeals
<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Graded by teacher judgement  Not graded by an algorithm  School and college assessments can continue  You'll only be assessed on what you've been taught  Your teacher will tell you what evidence is used to grade you  Private candidates to work with a school, college or exam centre to provide evidence for them to be graded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Mocks, tests and work already done can be used as evidence  Non-exam assessment should continue  Non-exam assessments can be used as evidence even if incomplete  Art & design grade based only on your portfolio  Teachers can use question banks provided by exam boards if they want to  Results will be based on completed and future work, so keep doing your best 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Results days AS and A level 10 August GCSE 12 August  If you're unhappy with your grade, you can appeal it. First step is to submit an appeal to your school or college. <div style="background-color: #FFCDD2; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="margin: 0;">You can find out more details from your school, college or exam board, or by visiting the Ofqual website</p> <p style="margin: 0; text-align: right;"> www.gov.uk/ofqual</p> </div>

We appreciate there is lots of information to take in, but it is all important to ensure we are all ready to get back to face to face learning safely. Please take time to go through the content of this letter with your child and also watch the linked videos about Covid testing in school:

[COVID-19 Rapid Flow Testing on Vimeo](#)
[ITV News - Coronavirus Testing in Schools on Vimeo](#)

Yours faithfully



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Your child's allocated shorter day, and start and finish times

Name **[Forename] [Surname]**

Tutor Group **[Tutor group field]** should attend school for their shorter day on **[insert date]**

They must arrive at **[insert start time]** and they will be dismissed from school at **[insert time]**