

Principal: Delia Smith OBE

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021



Dear parent/carer,

### **Letter to parents following 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2021 announcement**

You will have heard the Prime Minister's announcement last night about schools and the decision to have all year groups back in full-time education from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

We cannot wait to welcome back all our pupils but I appreciate that there may be some of you may be anxious about this and I want to assure you that, as ever, the safety and wellbeing of your children and our staff remains our priority.

For secondary schools specifically, the government's plan includes:

- All students and staff wearing face coverings inside, including classrooms, where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- All students who have provided consent taking three COVID-19 tests as they return to school from 8<sup>th</sup> March at existing school testing facilities. After the initial programme of three tests in school, students will be provided with two rapid tests to use each week at home.
- **Please click [here](#) for a digital consent form for the lateral flow tests. Please can you return these forms, as soon as possible, and in advance of 8<sup>th</sup> March (if you haven't already done so).**
- Staff will also be provided with two tests to use each week at home.

We will now start planning for a safe return to school for our students and staff, and I will share more information with you as soon as these are finalised.

If your child is in an exam year group, we expect the government to announce further details later this week and will provide you with an update once this information has been published.

In the meantime, please do continue to support your child with remote learning /or attending our onsite community classroom.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch with me.

Kind regards

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