



Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

I am writing to you following this week's announcement confirming the re-opening of schools from the 8th March. This is welcome news but at the same time I fully appreciate existing apprehension you may well have regarding your child returning to school.

The purpose of this letter is to clarify and provide guidance on the following:

1. The return dates for each year group to school.
2. Outline and reminder of the safety measures at school.
3. Lateral Flow Testing (LFTs)
4. Update on Remote Learning
5. Confirmed cases

In addition to this letter further a specific details for each year group are within the year group sections on the website.

1. The return dates for each year group to school.

You will be aware that within the announcement the Prime Minister explained that students will be offered three lateral flow tests over the first two weeks when returning to school. The Education Minister has acknowledged this presents a **huge logistical challenge** to school and it has been confirmed that these tests can start before the **8th March** which many schools are doing.

Please look at the table below which shows **which day your child** will be coming for their first test after which they go home and the day when they then return to school and whilst in school will complete tests 2 and 3 (see year group section on the website). Please note there are slight exceptions **for 6th Formers**. When students come for their first test must come to the Byron Street entrance.

Year group	Test (1) with time. Come for test and then return home	Return to school for lessons	Link to complete consent form
Year 13	Test (1) Thursday 4 th March at 9.30am Test (2)	Tuesday 9 th March at 8.45am via Green Gate	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1PtUapKKNu7GB747Ye_ry80d4eYJXq6lu89C6lRota4PzdQ/viewform

	Monday 8 th March at 9.30am		
Year 12	Test (1) Thursday 5 th March at 12.00pm Test (2) Monday 8 th March at 12.00pm	Tuesday 9 th March at 8.45am via Green Gate	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDzcmPvkDi0VnEGAYizJhX6CDVWFGxqmwWYVNPdW6u9eEA/viewform
Year 11	Friday 5 th March Test (1) 9.30am 11 L, A, N 1.00pm 11 G, D, P	Tuesday 9 th March at 8.45am via Red Gate Will complete test (2) before going to lessons.	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_eWNHFojRo2OqmDmB_3LFf7A2GPYA_ZhF9Dvr1kz7qk7oWYA/viewform
Year 10	Wednesday 10 th March Test (1) 9.00am 10 L, A, N 10.30am 10 G, D, P	Thursday 11 th March at 8.45am via Blue Gate	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScm2uRixRFy56pStKWD9Yc3MxBHIER6puC8I8EVjJWVlwo0BQ/viewform
Year 9	Wednesday 10 th March Test (1) 12.30pm 9 L,A,N 2.00pm 9 G, D, P	Thursday 11 th March at 8.45am via Yellow Gate	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf69-jf8cdvZX_5m-7P8ApUOzr7iqMPMj1aq0ogS34zbrZkvQ/viewform
Year 7	Thursday 11 th March Test (1) 9.00am 7 L,A,N 10.30am 7 G,D,P	Friday 12 th March at 8.45am via Orange Gate	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnKDTpqnzhAXhqnwge3T2ke_AZcMXTme-mmvwHzl3ZnmrEBQ/viewform
Year 8	Thursday 11 th March Test (1) 12.30pm 8 L, A, N 2.00pm 8 G,D,P	Friday 12 th March at 8.45am via Green Gate	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnKDTpqnzhAXhqnwge3T2ke_AZcMXTme-mmvwHzl3ZnmrEBQ/viewform

We will send **daily text message** reminders. Please see the section regarding Lateral Flow Tests and the key points and questions.

2. Outline and reminder of the safety measures at school.

Your child will be familiar with the procedures and prevention measures that are in place in school but there have been some slight changes.

Face Masks

Face masks **are compulsory** and your child must come to school with a face mask and ideally a spare. Face masks **must now be worn** in all communal areas of the school and **also in lessons too**. If your child needs to update us on a medical reason for not wearing a face mask they must do so via the Head of Year. The government will **review** face masks over Easter but all students are expected to comply with this guidance.



Hand sanitiser

We do provide sanitiser at the school gate and around the school but your child is expected to have their own this is now going to be the expectation for the future. Your child **MUST** use it when entering school and before each lesson i.e. as they enter class and the canteen to get lunch. Your child is also encouraged to wash hands at every break time.

Catch it, Bin it, Kill it

Your child should also bring tissues to school and follow the NHS guidance and use tissues when sneezing or coughing.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2017/09/catch-bin-kill.pdf>

Bubbles

We **will continue** to operate in year group bubbles and your child will be in the same locations for lessons and break times and entering and leaving via the same gates as last term.

School equipment

At the start of the academic year we provided every student with an **equipment pack** in a plastic wallet. Your child must return with this and we will replenish where needed one more time. Teachers cannot provide or hand out equipment in lessons. Your child must be in full school uniform and **bring PE kit** when needed.

3. Lateral Flow Testing (LFTs)

Below is a link to **what happens during a LFT** you will see from the video (link below) that the process is fairly straightforward and but certainly not pleasant. The government has asked all schools to **offer these tests** for students when returning to school. In order to have a test you must give consent.

So please follow the link on the table above to complete your consent form by **Tuesday 2nd March** or download a form **on the website** and your child can bring it on the day of test 1. You must call the school on **Tuesday 2nd March** to inform us that your child will be coming with the form. If you have more than one child in the school then you must complete a form for each child.

The tests **are not compulsory** but we encourage you to give consent. If you do not want your child to have the test they do not come in on the test day 1 and return to school on the date indicated on the table above.

Completing the **consent forms in advance** will help us to know how many to expect and ensure we can operate a quick and efficient system.

Once your child has completed the test they will be uploaded to the NHS website and part of the track and trace.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZhSPnnXyPo>

4. Update on Remote Learning

When we return to school teachers will continue to put the resources for each lesson on **Google Classroom** so if your child is not in school the expectation is that they can follow their normal timetable.

As we prepare for the full return there will be no 'live' lessons from **Wednesday 3rd** but your child if not in school must continue to follow the timetable via lessons on Google Classroom as teachers will upload resources and activities every day.

5. Confirmed cases

As before and since September when we returned to school should your child or anyone in your family have a confirmed case of COVID-19 then you must contact the school immediately and start the 10 day period of isolation. **You must not send your child to school.** If there is a confirmed case we are required to ask other students to self-isolate under the Public Health England Guidance.

I appreciate once again that your child and you may well be anxious regarding the return to school. I too, certainly have some worries but I am very confident that, if we all continue to follow all the clear and simple systems then all will be fine.

Whilst it seems we are beginning to return to some 'normal' ways of life there is still a long way to go and it is imperative that we all follow the advice and should you need extra help and support please contact the school.

I must remind you that next week Tuesday 2nd March from 9.30am will be my last Parent Surgery if you have any questions then do come and see me or do contact your child's Head of Year.

Finally, I and all the staff are very much looking forward to seeing your child back in school, enjoying learning and time with their friends. I firmly believe that when your child returns to Langdon Park any time lost over the recent months will be overcome with full engagement, great effort and fantastic teaching.

Yours faithfully,

Mr N Langham
Head Teacher