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Dear Parents

Following Boris Johnson's announcement on Monday night regarding the reopening of all schools to all pupils during the week beginning the 8th March, we would like to give you a quick update of the current situation, **which will be followed by more extensive details next week.**

We aim to answer all of the questions that you will no doubt have over the coming weeks, so we ask that you bear with us as we work our way through all of the actions necessary. We will also be delivering assemblies via Teams during next week for students to provide them with key information, and will place it on our website for your viewing. We will email details next week.

Phased return

In order to test all students before they return to face-to-face education, we need to have a phased return beginning from the 8th March. We are estimating that we can test two year groups per day, and will be following the schedule below:

- Monday 8th March – Year 11 (am), Year 10 (pm)
- Tuesday 9th March – Year 9 (am), Year 8 (pm)
- Wednesday 10th March – Year 7 (one half in am), Year 7 (other half in pm).

We will be asking that students arrive at two particular points in the day (8:35 for am slot, and 11:15 for pm slot). They will be assigned particular entrances and will go directly to their tutor base. Once they have been tested they will then stay for the rest of the day, and will return to their normal timetables from that point forwards.

Asymptomatic testing

The Government are strongly encouraging that all secondary age pupils are tested on a regular basis in order to support the safe reopening of schools. They will receive 3 tests in schools, spaced 3-5 days apart, followed by the issuing of test kits which they will complete at home twice a week under your supervision.

We have had consent from many of you already and an email has been sent earlier this week asking for consent from those who have not provided it yet. If you are happy for your child to be tested, please fill in the form and consent statement via this link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TqJfcwJ_I0qWrapZAWWf30hFgycHkFZGg6zv4-chUUNUMDVZNIo0Q01WVzJHMU1UOEEdCOTU3Tk1UVy4u



Remote Education until return to school

In order to complete the many tasks that are necessary for the safe reopening of school, we will be making some changes to the provision offered to students during next week. We need teaching staff to be in school as of the end of next week to prepare the school and curriculum planning, therefore their ability to deliver lessons on teams will be impacted.

- **Monday and Tuesday 1st and 2nd March** – remote education to continue as at present.
- **Wednesday 3rd March onwards** – remote education will be set on Show My Homework but will NOT include Live lessons on Teams. Live input may be via Oak national Academy content or other sources as recommended by the Department for Education.
- **Thursday 4th March** – there will be a range of activities on Show My Homework to celebrate this year's World Book day
- **Friday 5th March** – there will be careers based activities for all year groups, focusing around the work of the NHS.

The last day of Remote learning for each year group will be:

- Year 11 – Friday 5th March
- Year 10 – Friday 5th March
- Year 9 – Monday 8th March
- Year 8 – Monday 8th March
- Year 7 – Tuesday 9th March

Keyworker booking

For the week beginning 8th March parents of Year 7, 8 and 9 will still be able to book places for the days needed based upon that year groups return to school, as follows:

- Year 7 – Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th (and Wednesday morning if in afternoon group)
- Year 8 – Monday 8th and Morning of Tuesday 9th
- Year 9 – Monday 8th

Future planning

There are a range of dates in the calendar for this term that will need to be moved to a later point in the year. In particular, the parents' evenings that are scheduled will be postponed and rescheduled based on the most appropriate time after Easter to hold them. We will issue new dates as soon as we can but the priority at the moment will be on getting pupils settled back into school and allowing them to chance to re-engage or develop their knowledge of the curriculum further.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming back the students and will send further information as discussed next week.

Yours faithfully

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