

Our Ref: HeadteacherSA: parental ltrs/SZY/JOD
Date: 26th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to Mr Postlethwaite's letter today, I am writing to inform you of our plan for the Lateral Flow Device testing we will complete as part of the school reopening. For us to safely welcome our students back onsite and to facilitate the mass testing programme we have staggered the return over the course of the week. Please see the table below with the dates for each year group:

	Year 11	Year 10	Year 9	Year 8	Year 7
Test 1	Fri 5 March	Mon 8 March	Thurs 11 March	Wed 10 March	Tues 9 March
Return to school	Mon 8 March 9.10am	Tues 9 March 8.55am	Fri 12 March 8.40am	Thurs 11 March 8.55am	Wed 10 March 8.40am
Test 2	Wed 10 March	Fri 12 March	Tues 16 March	Mon 15 March	Fri 12 March
Test 3	Mon 15 March	Wed 17 March	Fri 19 March	Thurs 18 March	Wed 17 March

Please note that Test 1 will take place the school day before the full return for each year group. Therefore, if you have not yet returned your child's consent form please do so immediately.

Test 1

Next week we will inform you of the time slots we require students to attend school for their first LFD test. Students will administer the test themselves; staff are not permitted to assist them but will be there to guide, encourage and support. We have set up testing bays which will give students privacy whilst testing. I have attached some FAQ's regarding the testing which will hopefully ease some of the anxieties students may have. Additionally, we have added some clips to Classcharts to reassure that the testing is nothing to worry about.

After students have completed their test, they will return straight home and you will receive the result via text or email. **Please note that students should follow social distancing rules in travelling to and from school. They should not be meeting up or walking in groups.**



Return to school

All students will return on the date and time detailed in the table above. On their first day back on site, time will be spent with their Form Tutor to prioritise wellbeing and support the re-establishment of school routines.

Please note, students who have been attending school throughout the lockdown should continue to attend as normal and will be reintegrated into their year group on the relevant day.

Tests 2 & 3

Students will be called from their lessons on these dates to complete their tests and will then return immediately to class. We will strive to keep disruption to a minimum.

I am sure you can appreciate this is a large project to coordinate and I would like to thank all parents who have already completed their consent forms, enabling us to plan for students who have opted to be tested.

If you are undecided as to whether you wish your child to be tested, please contact us urgently via the school office so we can answer any of your questions.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Szymura', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

E Szymura (Miss)
Deputy Headteacher