

Friday 05 March 2021



## Pupil Return & Pupil Testing

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

I am so looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Monday 08 March.

We are continuing with our strict risk assessment and pupils are still being taught, eating their lunches, and socialising within their bubbles.

We will not be requiring our secondary aged pupils to wear masks in their classroom bubbles but would ask all those that can to wear them at all other times. E.g., travelling to and from school, arriving at and departing school and when moving around school.

We are continuing to test the staff team twice per week and as per the Government guidance this is now taking place at home on a Sunday morning and a Wednesday evening.

As you know the Government have announced twice weekly testing for secondary aged pupils. Those pupils with parental consent will be tested twice at school next week, including those pupils who have consented to 'return to school' testing. This will take place on Monday 08 March and Thursday 11 March.

From Monday 15 March parents who would like their child to continue with twice weekly testing will be given the option for their child to either continue accessing testing at school, or to test their child twice weekly at home.

An online form will be shared on Monday, please complete the form by the end of the day on Wednesday 10 March so that we can create a timetable for onsite testing and ensure testing kits and all the information you need can be sent home for those choosing home testing.

Our aim is to test as many staff and secondary age pupils as possible each week to ensure we are identifying any asymptomatic positive cases in school.

As a result of the increased testing, we will inevitably identify more staff and pupils who are positive, this is a good thing, however, may result in an increased number of class closures due to the need for self-isolation and as many other schools and settings are also increasing their testing, a possible reduction in the school workforce could also result in unfortunate class closures.

This will mean ongoing disruption for some and I would urge you to plan and prepare for this eventuality, the class teams are available with social stories, symbols, and other resources to help and support you and your child through any periods of disruption.

You have all been so patient and understanding and supported the school tremendously,

THANK YOU!

Take Care & Keep Safe

Mr Kieran Welsh  
Headteacher

