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Dear Parents/Carers

Following announcements by the Government; **school will re-open fully to all students from Monday March 8th**. Those students who are classed as 'extremely critically vulnerable' and have an up to date personal shielding letter do not have to return and will continue with remote learning activities. However this is 'guidance only' and should you feel it would be in the best interests of your son/daughter to return, then please contact school to discuss this further. Schools are guided to ask for a copy of the letter as part of attendance procedures if required.

Further updated guidance has been issued to schools this week, with special school specific guidance that includes the messages:

- *Continue, for the time being, to follow all the same preventative control measures as were in place prior to Lockdown such as working within class and department bubbles; maintaining distance where possible; using face covering in communal spaces; maintaining hygiene and cleaning practises; having good ventilation and airflow.*
- *An additional measure from March 8th is that face coverings by students and staff can be used if reasonable, practical and does not impact on individual learning; whilst in the classroom.*
- *Lateral Flow Testing for staff will cease in school from March 8th and 'move' to an expectation for staff to home test twice weekly, similar to how mainstream primary school staff have been testing during the Lockdown period.*
- *In conjunction with this the same offer will be made to all students to be able to home test twice weekly on a voluntary basis **see the attached separate information for more details.***
- *Schools should begin to plan their own 'action plan' for greater 'opening up' including greater flexibilities and movement of staff and students to meet curriculum delivery and individual needs; further reducing restrictions and eventually returning to as near normal working as possible but always being led by government guidance and policy, risk assessments and Public Health advice.*

Therefore from Monday March 8th School will expect all its students on roll to be attending, other than those who are shielding or who may not be attending for a specific reason agreed in advance with school.

Devices such as laptops, routers etc. that have been lent out or shared in order to support home remote learning should be returned to school when your son/daughter returns on Monday March 8th.

Message from school transport

The transport service wish Parents to be aware that should a driver or escort test positive for COVID, the transport vehicle run they are on may not operate due to capacity issues in finding replacement personnel.



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Parents need to have contingency arrangements in place to be able to take and collect children from school if this is the case. Please refer to the enclosed letter from the Schools Transport Service.

Lateral Flow Testing at Home

All our young people will be given the opportunity to follow the process of twice weekly home testing from week commencing Monday March 15th. **This is voluntary, but is recommended to support the overall safety of all staff and students and is included in the schools control measures and risk assessments.**

School will continue to follow the practise that if anyone shows any signs or symptoms of the virus whilst in school they must be collected from school and undergo a test as soon as possible. Students will **not** be tested whilst in school.

Home testing should be completed by/supported by a suitably competent adult who can follow the detailed instructions that come with the testing kits and can upload the information required to the government website detailed within the test kits.

School only need be informed if there is a positive test result which in turn is confirmed by a standard PCR test done in a testing centre or by post.

If you wish home testing kits for your child please indicate this by returning the page below to school or contacting school directly.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all your continued support and positive comments that have been expressed throughout the course of this lockdown period. It is very much appreciated and valued by all the staff who have and will continue to do their very best to ensure school remains safe and accessible and that learning meets the individual needs and abilities of all.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Shaun Jukes'.

Shaun Jukes
Headteacher



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Request to participate in Home-Testing for My child

I wish for my child to be sent Lateral Flow Testing Kits Home to support the overall safety of all students and staff in school.

I understand that each kit is recorded against the name of my child and is for my child's use alone and should not be used on any other family member or person

I understand that participating in the testing is on a voluntary basis, but once a test has taken place it is a legal obligation to upload the results to the track and trace service as per the instructions that come with the testing kits.

Each kit comes with detailed instructions of how to complete the swabbing and upload results.

I understand if a positive test is returned this must be followed up with a PCR test at a testing centre or via a postal test and that my child and family must self-isolate until the outcome of that result; which if positive means continuing to self-isolate for the given time period by track and trace.

If a positive test is returned I understand that I must inform school.

Name of child:

Please return one copy to school and keep the second copy for your records

If you receive this electronically please confirm a request to participate by contacting the school office.



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