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Dear parents/carers,

You will have heard in the media that students are due to return to school from Monday 8th March. This will be a phased return to allow for students to take the lateral flow test before returning to the classroom setting, therefore return dates for each year group will be confirmed as soon as we are able. We will do our utmost to get all returned to school as quickly as we possibly can, however testing 1000 students will take us some time.

You will shortly receive a text/email from Mr Turner with a form that will need to be completed to give permission for your son/daughter to be tested, please ensure that this form is completed. Those students who have not had parental permission will not be tested, although I would strongly encourage all students to be tested for the benefit of all. Thank you to those parents who have provided permission for this.

Our testing site has been set up since lock down in January, staff in school have been tested twice a week throughout this time. The test is simple to carry out, completed by students themselves, and results are given within 30 minutes. Three tests will need to be carried out within the first two weeks of students returning. Following this, students will be provided with tests that they can administer themselves at home. These government measures are compulsory and all schools are required to test all pupils on their return.

From Monday 8th March all students will be required to wear face masks in classrooms and around the school building. The only time when masks can be removed will be during social time outside, and students will be required to social distance where possible, if social distancing is not possible then masks must be worn. As before, year groups will remain in bubbles and staggered starts and ends to the day will remain in place.

Physical activity and sport will be encouraged and PE and extra-curricular activities will start again as soon as we are able to organise this.

We are aware that returning to school will seem daunting to some students and we will do our best to support any student who is feeling anxious about their return to school. Please inform your child's form tutor or any member of the pastoral team if your child has fears and concerns about returning to school.

We will be in touch with further details and we look forward to welcoming all students back to school.

Please see the link below for information regarding keeping your child safe online.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

Your sincerely,

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