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Wednesday 10th March 2021

Dear parents/carers,

It is been wonderful to see so many students walk back through our doors to take their COVID-19 tests, and these have gone really well, with the vast majority of students coming into school to take their first test.

We are looking forward to welcoming back all students on Thursday 11th March, when we will start the second round of testing for students.

The school procedures will be as they were before this lockdown, with students working in bubbles and having staggered start and finish times. Pupils will be reminded of the need to social distance, face masks will be now need to be worn in lessons, as well as in the communal areas of the school building where you cannot social distance. Students will not need to wear a face mask when outside for lunch or breaks. Students will need to ensure that they bring two face masks with them to school. The government will review these recommendations in the next few weeks. The school risk assessment is updated on a regular basis and pupils will be asked to sanitise on their way into the school building and before entering a classroom. Pupils will be reminded and expected to adhere to rigorous hygiene practices and will be reminded of these on a regular basis.

Can I request that if you need to see a member of staff you make an appointment with the main office by telephone.

Extra-curricular activities will begin again shortly after we return, and I would encourage all students to join in with the sports activities on offer. A letter with details will be sent out next week.

Attendance

Attendance to school is compulsory and we expect all students to return on Thursday 11th March. Students should not come into school however if they are experiencing COVID symptoms, in which case you must make an appointment for a COVID test at one of the testing stations. Pupils should also remain at home if anyone in the household is experiencing symptoms (until they receive a negative COVID test); and if they are identified as being a close contact.

If you have been abroad you must contact the school immediately and your child will need to quarantine for a period of 10 days as per government travel restrictions. Parents will not be penalised for absence during the quarantine period.

If you are concerned in any way about your child returning to school then please contact us and we can support your child's return to school. Please see below for further information on returning to school.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>





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Lunches and payment

Please make sure you are registered on Parentmail so that you can upload money onto your child's account. If you require any help in registering onto Parentmail please call the main office. As from Monday 15th March food will now be available at break and lunchtime and menus will be made available for you to view on the school website. If your child is entitled to free school meals, they will be able to spend this on purchase food at breaktime.

Please can all students ensure that they bring a clear water bottle with them to school on a daily basis.

FSM vouchers will be provided by Birmingham City Council over the Easter holiday period and these will be sent out to those eligible by post.

Pupil safety

The law around social distancing and mixing in public still applies to everyone and therefore it is an expectation that students do not gather around after school or mix with groups of friends, but make their way straight home. We are aware that uniformed police will be patrolling the local streets once students return to school and a number of fines have been issued in the local area to those who have not been abiding by the COVID rules.

I hope all of our students are looking forward to returning to school on Thursday, and we all look forward to seeing the whole school return.

If you are concerned in any way about your child returning to school then please contact reception.

Yours sincerely,

J Sweeney
Headteacher

