



4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Reopening of School for Year 8 – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Dear parents and carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 8 students back into school on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Please find below a reminder of when each tutor group should come in. Students in Navy, Royal and Turquoise, should arrive promptly at 9.30am and go straight to the sports hall where students will be tested for Covid with Purple, Grey and Charcoal arriving at 10.30am.

<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Testing Schedule Year 8 (Sports Hall)</b>			
09.30am	8 Navy	8 Royal	8 Turquoise
<i>Followed by welcome briefing in Main Hall at 10.30am</i>			
10.30am	8 Purple	8 Grey	8 Charcoal
<i>Followed by welcome briefing in Main Hall at 11.30am</i>			

Thank you to all those parents who have so far given consent for the testing, almost 70% of the school so far. There is still time for you to do this, please complete the questions in this link and submit by 3pm on Friday. The privacy notice can be found on the school website.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=70bgJyRMHkq7OpF-8w3afjMloiDccOBLtHeBZZzaNABUMzM3WFVXTFhOVFZOM0k5UEcyOE1OUUY0Uy4u>

**Students of critical workers and those who have been attending school during lockdown will continue to attend as usual on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March but normal lessons will resume.**

The DfE guidance states that school attendance will be 'mandatory for all pupils from March 8<sup>th</sup>.' The usual rules will apply, including parents' legal duty to secure their child's attendance at school.

Once students have had their first lateral flow test for Covid and once the results are known (within 20 – 30 minutes of taking the test); they will attend a welcome assembly and briefing from myself before attending lessons on their usual timetable once again. Two further tests will take place for each year group over the 2-week period from 9<sup>th</sup> until the 18<sup>th</sup> March. Testing kits will then be issued for these to be undertaken twice a week at home, up until the Easter break and further instructions and guidance will be issued on this.

**UNIFORM**

Students are expected to be in full school uniform on their return. We understand that some families are struggling to buy shoes at this time and will accept this term, **all black trainers (including the sole)** with no other colours or logos showing and hope that this will go some way in helping at this time. If any area of the trainer has anything other than black, regardless of how small, they will not be accepted. If anyone has any questions about this, please contact your Progress Leader before purchasing a trainer. A reminder that blazers and ties should also be worn. If anyone is struggling with uniform, please contact a member of the safeguarding team, who will be able to discuss how we can support you.



## **PE**

Students will be required to bring in their PE kit for PE lessons from the day of return as we feel it is important for the well-being of students. Additional spaces have been created for students to change safely and the changing rooms will be cleaned using the fogger in between each use, which staff have been doing throughout lockdown, along with cleaning of equipment after use.

## **FACE COVERINGS**

The guidance has now been updated and students will be expected to wear face coverings throughout the day, in classrooms as well as circulation spaces where it is not possible for them to socially distance. We ask for your support, as it is one of the key measures in place to reduce transmission, to keep everyone safe and to help us to remain open. Students will need to bring a face covering in with them each day, as part of their school uniform and some will be available for students to buy at school, if required.

As you will be aware, we are still in a lockdown and it is important that everyone follow all of the rules, to keep you and your families safe.

We look forward to welcoming Year 8 students back into school on Wednesday.

Yours Faithfully,



Rachel Hudson

Headteacher