

RETURN TO SCHOOL from March 8th 2021

Below are some of the Frequently Asked Questions

1. **My son/daughter is a key worker and has been attending school during lockdown what do they do next week?**

They attend as normal and will be tested on Wednesday 3rd March and then again on Tuesday 9th in the afternoon

If they are in Year 8 they will work in the Year 8 Bubble's computer room on the Monday 8th and for the morning of Tuesday 9th until the rest of their Year group have tested and re-joined them.

2. **Do they have to come back to school?**

Yes they do! Attendance is now a legal requirement from the week of the 8th March and the government has reinstated all its attendance measures. If a child is Critically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) and shielding they DO NOT have to come into school. If this is the case with your child please contact us so we can support their education. The government guidance is that children of adults who are CEV are required to return to school.

3. **My child is in Year 9 what time do they come into school on Monday?**

They come in **at the time shown in the letter** for their test slot. They do not enter the building but wait outside the WMH and once they have had their test they will be directed to their classroom. They must not come in earlier than their allotted time.

4. **What does my child do after they have been tested this week (Thursday 4th and Friday 5th)?**

They will come into school at their allotted time, take the simple self administered test and then **leave immediately and go home**. They must not socialise with other students on the way to or from school as this risks spreading the virus.

5. **What happens next with testing?**

The students will do two further tests during the next 8 to 10 days. After that we will provide you with **home testing kits** and full instructions on how to use them and record the results. Staff at school have further training on this during the next few days.

6. **My child is not testing what do they do?**

We know that some children who have recently had Covid and have recovered should not take a test as it can present a false positive result. If they are in Year 7, 10 and 11 they will come to school as normal on Monday. If they are in **Year 9** they come to school on **Monday** at the same time slot as their tutor group but go to the main reception where they will be instructed where to go next (usually to their classroom in their year bubble). If they are in **Year 8** they come to school on **Tuesday** at the same time slot as their tutor group but go to

the main reception where they will be instructed where to go next (usually to their classroom in their year bubble).

7. What is happening about online learning on Thursday 4th , Friday 5th , Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th ?

On Thursday 4th Year 11 remote learning will not take place as usual as the students are in school testing. Teachers will set independent tasks for students to work on ready for next weeks return.

On Friday 5th live lessons delivered directly by teachers will not happen as the teachers will be in school preparing for the return to the classroom next week. However, teachers will still have set work for students to do in preparation for the return next week.

On Monday 8th, all students apart from Year 8 will be in school at some stage. Year 8 will be at home and will continue with the independent work set by the teachers for Friday and Monday's lessons.

8. Do they have to wear masks in school?

Yes, they will be expected to wear masks in all indoor areas where they are in contact with others and cannot safely socially distance. The aim is to prevent the spread of any virus and we are following the latest PHE and Government guidance. If your child has an exemption as set out in government guidance please contact the HoY to arrange for a lanyard to be issued. However, I would strongly encourage everyone to try to wear a mask as set out in the guidance as every small thing we can do could make a big difference!

9. Will they be in full uniform when they come for testing?

If they are testing on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th then NO they do not wear uniform but if they are testing on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th then YES they do.

10. What other rules apply?

As from Monday 8th March the normal school rules apply to all students at all times. This includes the Covid Behaviour appendix that sets out rules about not behaving in a manner that would put others at risk.

11. Mobile phones can they bring them to school?

Students can bring phones to school, but they must be switched off and out of site during the school day. Phones are not to be used in school without the permission of a teacher.

12. Can they come to school wearing their PE kit on days when they have PE lessons?

YES, they can, but only on days when they have a PE lesson, NOT on days when they have an after-school club.

13. What will they do for lunch?

The routines are the same as for the Autumn term. Students will be able to purchase hot/cold food and drinks from the canteen. They can bring sandwiches if they prefer.

14. Can I drop them off by car?

Yes, you can but we would prefer it if you did this away from the school if possible, to reduce the traffic flow in the school grounds. You MUST NOT car share.

15. Can my children go out to play with other children in their Year Bubble when not in school?

NO! The covid rules still apply outside of school and must be adhered to until the government relax them. We would ask parents to enforce this as unfortunately we are seeing groups of children playing together in contravention of the rules.

16. What is a happening about GCSE examinations?

We will write to and hold a meeting for all Year 11 students and parents as soon as we have all the information. We hope this will be sometime this week (wk Beg 1st March)

17. My child has borrowed a school laptop when do they have to return it?

The laptops do not need to be returned until the end of this Year (July) more detail will follow.

Any other questions please contact the school reception