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Dear Parents / Carers

### Reopening arrangements

As you are all aware, the Prime Minister has announced that schools are reopening to all students from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. As part of this reopening, schools are expected to facilitate lateral flow testing for all students and staff. The government realises that this is a big logistical operation and so they have given us some flexibility for a staggered start during that first week.

We will be operating a staggered start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March with all students fully back in school by the end of the day on the Tuesday. Years 7, 8 and 9 will return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March at staggered times and Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 will return on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at different intervals. All students will have to arrive using the Fresson Road gate on their first day back. This is because the testing centre will be based in the Technology block at the back of the school. Staff will direct students to where they need to go from the Fresson Road entrance.

Please can you ensure that you give consent for your child to be tested – if you have not done so already – using the following online form: [Click here to give consent for testing.](#)

The staggered start times for each class/year group are as follows:

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
8.30am	7A (7ATH) arrive	8.30am	10APO arrive
8:50am	7B (7APO) arrive	9am	10HER arrive
9.10am	7C (7ZEU) arrive	9.30am	10ZEU arrive
9.30am	7D (7HER) arrive	11am	11CBA arrive
10:20am	8A (8APO) arrive	11.20am	11LHR arrive
10.40am	8B (8ATH1) arrive	11.40am	11LJA arrive
11am	8C (8ATH2) arrive	12pm	11LSH arrive
11.20am	8D (8HER) arrive	12.20pm	11MBU arrive
11.40am	8E (8ZEU) arrive	1.20pm	12APO arrive
12.40pm	9E (9ZEU) arrive	1.40pm	12HER arrive

1pm	9D (9HER2) arrive	2pm	13ATH arrive
1.20pm	9C (9HER1) arrive	2.20pm	13ZEU arrive
1.40pm	9B (9ATH) arrive		
2pm	9A (9APO) arrive		

The school will continue to operate the year group bubble system and all the other controls that we have had in place since September. The only addition to the rules is that students are now advised to wear face masks/coverings in classrooms as well as in the communal areas where social distancing cannot be achieved. The government has put this temporary measure in place and it is expected to last until Easter. Please can you ensure that your child brings a face mask/covering to school each day along with a small bottle of hand sanitiser and a packet of tissues. It is a good idea to have a few spare face masks in bags.

We will be sending out some more information to students to prepare them for coming back to school. This will include details concerning the testing in order to reassure them that there is nothing to worry about.

Live online lessons will cease at the end of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March so that teachers can prepare for the following week. Independent work will still be set on Milk for students to get on with.

Thank you for your continuing support at this challenging time. If you have any questions then please do contact the school. Your child's Head of Year remains your first point of contact.

Yours sincerely,

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