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Dear Parent/Carer

The Prime Minister announced on 22nd February that all schools will return face-to-face on Monday 8th March. Attendance for all children is compulsory.

You may be aware that schools will be required to test students for Covid 19 three times over the first fortnight back, then they will be provided with a pack of tests to use twice a week, at home. Further information about the testing programme will be issued by Mr Pearson nearer to 8th March. If you have still not completed a consent form for your child to be tested, please do so before 8th March. A link to the form is included in the email with this letter.

As you can imagine, testing is time consuming therefore we have decided to stagger students' return over the first week (8th – 12th March).

We intend to have the following phased return for the week beginning 8th March. Y11 return to school on Monday 8th March, followed by Y10 on Tuesday 9th March, Y9 on Wednesday 10th March, Y8 on Thursday 11th March and Y7 on Friday 12th March. If your child is not in a year group returning on 8th March they will still be able to access online lessons as normal until they return to school on their assigned date. Vulnerable and key worker students can attend school as normal from 8th March. **All students must be in full school uniform as well as bring in their Wellfield PE kit for days when they have PE.**

In order to prepare for the return to school we are having a staff training day on Friday 5th March. There will be no online lessons on this day, as is normal on a teacher training day. However, it might be a good idea for students to use this day to complete unfinished work, access the virtual school for resources or take the opportunity to complete a physical activity.

The government have also advised staff and students in secondary schools to wear face masks in all areas, including classrooms, as a temporary extra measure. Therefore, unless your child has a medical exemption this is our expectation in order to keep everyone as safe as possible. **Please make sure you provide your child with a face mask.**

Finally, we will still be operating in year group zones and each year group will continue to enter the school from five entry points. All safety procedures put in place prior to the Christmas break still apply until we are advised otherwise.

We are all looking forward to seeing students again and I am sure they will be pleased to return to school.

Yours faithfully



Linda Rodham
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