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10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please read the following information regarding the return to school for Year 10 pupils from Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

### **The School Day**

Year 10 pupils will only attend School on a rota of half classes to accommodate greater social distancing and hopefully provide as safe an environment as we can design. Year 10 pupils will continue to follow their current timetable when learning in School and at home. The rota of half year groups is organised alphabetically (Surname: A-K= **Group A** /L-Z = **Group B**)

Please see the table below which indicates the day's pupils attend:

	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Floor 3			10A	10B	10A	10B	10A	10B	10A	10B

The School day will start at 8:30am. The transport arrangements for pupils using school buses will be the usual times as previously stated in the Autumn Term. When pupils arrive at the school they need to enter the building through the rear fire exit and proceed to the Floor 3 classrooms which have been allocated for Year 10. If there are any changes to the above, I will direct pupils to the appropriate classroom/area as they arrive on Wednesday/Thursday morning. The School day will finish at 2:15pm.

### **Lateral Flow Tests (LFT)**

On the Wednesday and Thursday of next week, we will be providing Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) and information on how to use these tests for our Year 10 pupils. The testing is intended to identify pupils who carry the coronavirus despite not showing symptoms. We encourage the pupils to conduct the twice weekly HOME tests before coming to school. It is important to state that although the testing is not compulsory for any pupil, we hope you find these tests extremely useful in helping keep our families and the school community safe. The test provides a result in 30 minutes. Further details/resources will be communicated to you regarding Lateral Flow Tests in the coming days.

### **COVID-Secure School Measures**

When your child returns to school, we will continue to implement COVID-secure measures in accordance with the relevant government guidelines. This includes the expectation that masks are to be worn on school transport, in all public areas within the school building and in the classroom. Should your child be exempt from wearing a face covering for medical reasons, we kindly ask that you inform myself. Hand sanitiser will be available on every entry and exit into the building as well as in each teaching area. Pupils will also be reminded that hand washing is extremely important throughout the school day.

### **School Uniform and Equipment**

A decision has been made that pupils will not have to wear school uniform for the two weeks before Easter. PE kit may be worn to School on the days that the pupils have PE lessons. Further information regarding the school uniform will follow for the summer term. Please can you ensure that your child brings the correct equipment needed for the School day. It is also advised, if possible, for the pupils to bring in an electronic device, laptop or tablet, which can be used for teaching purposes during lessons.

### **Lunch**

There will be no food provision on site during the two week phased return period. Pupils will require a packed lunch on the days they attend school.

### **HWB Key Workers**

The School's Hwb childcare provision for the children of key workers will continue for those parents who are already registered, with the hours now being adjusted to between 8:15am and 2:15pm to coincide with the normal school day. This provision will now be situated in the LRC.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

Mr Preece  
Head of Year 10