

23 February 2021



Dear Senior School Parents,

You will have no doubt have seen and heard the news announced yesterday that pupils are able to return to school from Monday 8 March. The announcement was followed by a 67 page document from the Department for Education with the details for re-opening. We are still working our way through those details, but I thought that you would appreciate a few headlines:

- Our intention is for **all** Senior School pupils to be able to start in school on Monday 8 March. We will need to test on arrival and so there is likely to be a staggered arrival that morning.
- Pupils will have three lateral flow tests in school for 3-5 days apart and then we will move to home testing.
- The vast majority of parents completed the testing consent paperwork before the scheduled start of this term. We will follow up shortly with those parents from whom we have not heard with a new form in the next few days.

Overall, things will feel similar to the Autumn Term in many ways, although there are some additional mitigations as the Government seek to keep things tight for the remainder of this term, pending a review over Easter.

We will send out a more detailed framework in due course, which will include information on home testing, school buses, face coverings, sport/activities and so on.

Meanwhile, please do let us know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Matt Way
Headmaster