

Monday 8th March

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely today to welcome our pupils back to school, and I am sure parents will share our relief that we are now able to recommence face to face lessons. Year 7 have been coming in for their first lateral flow test today and we will therefore have all year groups in school tomorrow.

Parent Survey

Thank you to all parents who have taken part in our parental survey so far, and I would encourage any others who wish to do so to complete it by following the link [here](#). I would like to hear the views of as many parents as possible before closing this for responses at the end of this week.

Mass Testing

This continues to go well and the sixth form will undertake their second tests this afternoon. Staff have now moved to home testing and we will be providing further information for pupils and parents on this very soon.

Control Measures and self-isolation

Please can I ask parents to reinforce with pupils at home the importance of following our control measures in school:

- Face coverings for senior school pupils (which are also being worn in lessons). It is a good idea for pupils to bring spares;
- Hand and respiratory hygiene;
- Social distancing where possible.

Before Christmas the government's plan for when a positive case is identified was to have daily testing for those identified as close contacts. However, this plan has been dropped and the position is that if and when we have a positive case we will have to ask identified close contacts to self-isolate, as per the guidelines before Christmas. We would of course be providing blended learning in these circumstances. This again means that it is very important that children do not come into school if they are unwell or displaying relevant symptoms, **even if they have recently returned a negative lateral flow test result**. Following this will enable us to keep as many children in school as possible before the Easter break.

I hope that our pupils enjoy being back in school, even if this does mean having to get up earlier in the morning!

Yours sincerely,

CJD Mairs
(Principal)