

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families are well.

Yesterday, as you'll be aware, the Government published guidance on the reopening of schools following the current period of lockdown. Many of the measures outlined in the guidance will be familiar to pupils and parents from last term, though there are a number of changes that will affect how we operate as a school.

Central to the safe reopening of schools is the provision of Lateral Flow Tests for those Key Stage 3 (Years 7 & 8) pupils whose parents have given consent. The guidance states that secondary schools should consider how and when pupils return from the 8<sup>th</sup> March in order to facilitate these tests being carried out in school.

As such, we will review how best to welcome pupils back during that week to ensure it is as safe as possible. We will communicate these arrangements to you by the end of this week at the very latest. Lateral Flow Tests are optional and will only be offered to pupils in year 7 and 8, whose parents have given consent. Consent forms have been sent out in the Autumn term, if it is that you haven't already given consent and would now like to please follow the link below to complete the online consent form as soon as possible.

[Lateral Flow Covid-19 Testing Form](#)

We will continue to communicate with you throughout the next two weeks to ensure you and your child / children have all the information you need to feel confident about returning.

In the meantime, please continue to help us by encouraging your child / children to engage with their remote learning in as full a way as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr S Fryer



Headteacher