

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we approach the date of return I thought it would be appropriate to update you on the plans for our school. Attendance for all children is mandatory so we will expect all students to return to school unless identified by the NHS as extremely clinically vulnerable.

As you will be aware, the government has indicated that it would like all children to be tested at school prior to return. In my last letter I included a registration link for the testing, and include it again [HERE](#) for all those yet to complete it. I would emphasise that whilst this is not mandatory, it will help enormously in our ability to reopen safely and confidently.

Our return next week will be phased. Students will return to school for their test and then go home for the remainder of that day. They will then return the following day for lessons to commence.

	8.30am	9.30am	11.30am
Monday		Yr 7 testing	Yr 8 testing
Tuesday	Yr 7 & 8 start lessons	Yr 10 testing	Yr 11 testing
Wednesday	Yr7, 8, 10 & 11 lessons	Yr 9 testing	P16 testing
Thursday	All years: normal lessons. It will be WEEK A		

- There will then be follow up 2nd & 3rd LFT tests in the proceeding weeks leading up to Easter. We understand that the students (& staff) will then be provided with tests for home.
- Upon their first full day of school, all students will be walked through the one-way system and our expectations on behaviour & engagement reiterated.
- Students are expected to come in full uniform for their test.
- "Live" online teaching will finish on 5th March. Independent work will be set for students to work on whilst they await their return.

In terms of the school day, we will resume the standard timings of the day. All students will be expected to be in school by 8.30am, but no earlier than 8.15am. The day will finish at 3pm. They will be expected in full uniform. This includes proper shoes and a blazer and tie. Please ensure they have equipment for learning, including a suitable bag, pencil case, and their home contact diary. Post 16 students may come in for their contact periods and remain at home/leave early for non-contact "free" periods.

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All students must have a face mask. This must be worn when moving around the building, but the government has now indicated that during lesson times this is optional. Please provide your child with a clean mask every day.

One of my greatest concerns of the pandemic has been the impact on teaching and learning and access to the full curriculum. In the lead up to Christmas, students were contained within one classroom area and this greatly affected the lessons that could be taught. We were unable to offer practical subjects and so the standard of lessons was suppressed by this arrangement. Upon return next week, we will be operating a strict one-way system that will enable students to move around the school and access specialist classrooms. I would liken this to how Bluewater operated where movement between rooms may take a little longer due to a system, but they will be able to move safely without mixing with others in a face to face way.

We will expect full compliance with the arrangements so that we can begin to resume education as it should be, specialist teachers with access to specialist equipment and resources. This will require ALL students and teachers to support the flow of movement around the school. If we are unable to maintain this in a safe way, we will need to return to the students being taught in one non-specialist room which is not how education should be. I ask for your support in this and re-iterate this with your son/daughter.

At the start of the day, from 8.15am at the earliest, students will line up at specific locations so the entry to the building is controlled and avoids mixing year groups. They will be asked to sanitise their hands at the start of the day and at the start of each lesson. Should your child wish to bring their own hand sanitizer, this would be welcomed.

Start of day locations:

Year 7: enter school through the usual student entrance and wait on the hardcourt area as before.

Year 8: enter school through the usual student area and wait on the grass area as before.

Year 9: line up on the grassed area outside school and then enter through the usual student entrance

Year 10: enter school through the staff car park area and follow the usual route into the year 10 entrance

Year 11: enter school through the staff car park area and follow the usual route by the Science corridor

Post 16: enter school through the staff car park area and follow the usual route into the tutor room at either Cleeve Meadow or the upper B corridor.

As indicated previously, the transmission rate in a school is directly proportional to the transmission rate in the local community so I ask that you continue to follow the government guidance regarding social distancing, gatherings etc. so that we do not continue to impact on the education of your child.

I cannot wait to welcome students back to Cleeve Park School. We have had a period of unprecedented disruption to their lives and it is important that we now learn to live in a way that safely contains the virus but allows children to flourish, learn and re-engage with routines, structures and relationships.

Kind regards,



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