



24th February 2021

Important Dates & Information For the Return to School

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Following on from the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday evening, I wanted to send you an initial email regarding some key dates over the next couple of weeks, to help you with your planning.

Wednesday 3rd March 2021

This will be a staff preparation day with no lessons 'taught' on the day. Staff will be on site to prepare rooms and resources ready for the 8th March 2021.

- **Lessons on the 3rd March 2021** - (including study sessions and intervention sessions) will focus on non-screen, independent activities and will be published on TEAMS or Show My Homework the day before, Tuesday 2nd March 2021.
- **Mini School** - our onsite provision for vulnerable students and the students of Key Workers, will **not** operate on Wednesday 3 March and the students must remain at home. It will reopen on Thursday 4th March 2021.

Lateral Flow Testing For Students In Years 7 to 13

We are currently planning our mass testing so that students will have had one test prior to returning to school and a second on their first day back (they have to have 3 onsite tests before they start to self-test at home). We will send out more details once full plans are in place as schools are waiting for clarification from the Department of Education on exactly when the first test has to take place.

Student Return To School Week Beginning 8th March 2021

We will be operating a staggered start to allow mass student lateral flow testing to happen:

Staggered Start For Year Groups	
Monday	Years 11, 12 and 13
Tuesday	Years 10, 11, 12 and 13
Wednesday	Years 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13
Thursday	Years 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13
Friday	Whole School In

On each of these days, am Registration will be 8.35-9.15am and Period 1 will be 9.15-9.55am to allow reintegration briefings and activities to take place.

Remote Online Lessons Will Finish As Below

This allows us to keep education going for students during the staggered start week for as long as we can but recognises that as more students are physically in school in lessons, the harder it is to also do remote lessons for other year groups.

As you will see below some year groups will have a day where there are no lessons set, we would encourage them to use this day to catch up on any unfinished work and prepare themselves for their return. The non-screen independent activities that will be set on the 3rd March might give you some alternative ideas if and when they are completely caught up.

- **Years 10, 11, 12 and 13** - last day of remote lessons will be Friday 5th March 2021.
- **Years 7 and 8** - last day of remote lessons will be Monday 8th March 2021.
- **Year 9** - last day of remote lessons will be Tuesday 9th March 2021.

Mini School's last day will be Friday 5th March 2021.

I know that some parents/carers are interested in the guidance that is being sent to schools by Government, so that they can keep up to date. The link to the guidance for 8th March 2021 onwards is below:

[Government Operational Guidance For Schools For 8 March 2021](#)

Please do keep an eye on your emails over the next fortnight as we will be sending further information out to you.

Kind regards

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