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Dear Parent / Carer

We hope that this letter finds you safe and well. Following the government's announcement on Monday, we are pleased to be able to inform you that students will be returning to school during the week beginning 8th March 2021. For students to return we need to carry out lateral flow testing of students to see if they have Covid 19, which means a staggered return of students to school.

Lateral flow testing

Each student is expected to have 3 tests in school during the first two weeks before families carry out remaining testing at home. If you wish your child to be tested a consent form needs to be completed for all students and returned to school by **Tuesday 2nd March at 11: 00am** so we can plan for the testing. The consent form can either be completed on line via this link <http://www.carltonbolling.co.uk/corona-virus-testing-consent/> or on the paper copy enclosed with this letter and then returned to school. Without consent we are not able to test your child.

Lateral flow testing prior to students returning

Students in Years 10 and 11 will have their first lateral flow test prior to school opening for face to face teaching. Heads of Year will contact students with their appointment time and they must attend school for their test. Once they have had their test they will return home. If a student tests positive we will be notifying families immediately and the student will then need to go and have a PCR test.

Thursday 4th March Year 11 students who have completed a consent form will attend school at their allotted time to undertake their first lateral flow test.

Friday 5th March Year 10 students who we have consent form from will attend school at their allotted time for their first lateral flow test.

All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will have their first test lateral flow test on the day they return to school.

Face Masks

School will be operating in a very similar way to how we did between September and December; an updated Risk assessment is on the website. The main change is that all students need to wear face masks in lessons where social distancing cannot be maintained. It is therefore essential that all students wear a plain dark face mask when they enter the school building unless they have a medical exemption. If a student does not bring a face

mask to school or does not wear it around the building there will be an after-school detention.

Remote learning

Remote learning will continue via google classrooms until all students have returned to school. Live lessons will no longer take place for students in years 9,10 and 11 from Monday 1st March. Work for years 9,10 and 11 students will be uploaded to google classrooms and they need to follow their normal timetable to access their learning.

Dates for students returning

All students will be returning to school on the dates below; please ensure they have the correct uniform and equipment so they are ready to learn. Remote learning will continue until all students are back in school.

Monday 8th March Year 11 and 10 students return to school

Tuesday 9th March Year 7 students return to school

Wednesday 10th March Year 9 and 8 students return to school

If you have any queries or concerns, or need support in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We hope you are all safe and well and are really looking forward to welcoming all our students back to school.

Yours sincerely



Jane Girt
Head of School