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Dear Parents and Carers

Update on Return to School

I thought it would be helpful to give you a very brief update on our plans based on the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday.

As you know, we will start fully reopening the school **from Monday 8 March**. We anticipate a staggered return, an option for secondaries in the Government guidelines, so we can offer everyone a COVID-19 lateral flow test beforehand, also in the updated guidance. The option to take this test will significantly enhance the safety of each other and our families and we are very keen all our pupils take up this offer.

We have been regularly testing pupils and staff attending school and the whole process has gone very smoothly for everyone involved (and even those of us who were not too keen have found the experience to be quite bearable).

Parental Consent for Covid-19 Testing

To help us plan the testing efficiently, please complete the online Parental Consent form below **by midday on Friday 26 February**.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rWSsBCBXzUgC8HY0x_jPruKGUEfuq4VGmuZ-tFvHDERUMIBOQIBXWE82TIQ2SkxLM0Q2MURHRktaRS4u

Once we have this information from you, we will be able to let you know when your child will be able to have their test and on which day their year group will be returning to full time education in school. Once the first round of testing is complete all pupils in all year groups will be expected to attend school in person *other than those who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable*.

World Book Day, Thursday 4 March

We will be celebrating the above with a day of reading - and be as far as possible screen free. We have been busy preparing some engaging activities which will allow everyone to immerse themselves in the world of literature and will be suspending the normal timetable on this day to highlight the importance of reading.



If your child is currently attending school, they are most welcome to attend as normal on World Book Day. However, we will also be using the day for staff training to prepare for reopening. Therefore, if you have any flexibility and can accommodate your child learning from home on this day, this will help the school as all staff could take part in the training at the same time.

Next Update

I will be in touch with the details of our return to school early next week.

In the meantime, many thanks for all your support of your children's remote learning - it is much appreciated. ***Every lesson counts*** and your children's hard work and resilience through this second period of partial school closure will stand them in good stead for their return to school.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Strong
Principal