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Dear Parent/Carer

Arrangements for the return of Year 11: March 2021

I hope this letter finds you all well. Can I please once again thank you for the support you have shown the school in the last few months of lockdown. It has not been an easy time for any of us and we have very much appreciated your ongoing support.

Following the government's announcement last week, we will begin to bring students back into school from 8 March. However, their return will be staggered in order for us to carry out lateral flow Covid testing as per the latest government guidelines.

Friday 5 March

Year 11 students wishing to have the Covid Lateral Flow test and for whom we have a consent form, will be invited into school at a specific time during the day in order to have this test. They will be met by staff and escorted to the Technology area, where we have our testing centre already set up. Once they have had their test, they will be escorted off site and allowed to return home.

Remote learning will continue that day with all students expected to participate as normal, unless in school for a test. More information on testing will be sent separately to those who have given consent.

Monday 8 March

All Year 11 will be expected to return to school at **8.40am**, in full school uniform.

There will be two short assemblies for students – one explaining our new expectations and the second explaining in detail the process for collating their teacher assessed grades.

Given that there are no formal exams this year and grades awarded will be teacher assessed, it is vital that all students are in school in every lesson every day, as every piece of work they do now, both in class and at home, will be able to be used as evidence. The harder they work now and the more they produce, the better for them in the long run. It really is up to them now to do their very best.



Tuesday 9 March Onwards

Staggered starts and end to the day will continue and Year 11 will be expected to be in their **line up by 8.20am (back of Admin Block, ready for an 8.30am start each morning (enter via Hucknall Lane gate))**. All students will be expected to be on time each morning. Regular lateness will be sanctioned.

All students will be required to wear full uniform. PE lesson will be as normal, and students will be expected to bring their PE kit with them on days that they have PE.

Classrooms continue to be rearranged to ensure that, where possible, all students are forward facing and be in strict seating plans. In order to minimise student movement and year groups mixing around the school each year group will continue to be in their 'bubble' as previously. Year 11 will be taught predominantly in the Science block, unless they have an option subject. Teachers will be moving between classrooms.

All students will be provided with a pencil case and equipment; this includes pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, highlighter and glue stick. This should be kept with them. We will check this along with uniform at each morning line up. Students will not be able to share equipment and whilst there will be spares in the classroom for emergencies, using these will add an additional risk of transference. All students have previously been given a scientific calculator.

Whilst this term has required the school to be closed for the majority of students, from March attendance will be mandatory. The school will be following the Department for Education advice and will use all available sanctions in the event of non-attendance. Year 11 cannot afford to miss a day. There are literally 11 school weeks left for them to prove to us exactly how good they are and what they know.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Year 11 back into school. We do recognise what a difficult time it has been for them. However, there is much to look forward to and feel positive about.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns at all. We need to continue to work together to support your child and ensure they leave with a good set of results; results which reflect their hard work and of which they can be proud.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Strong'.

Mrs Strong
Principal