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Dear Parents and carers,

I do hope you are all well and safe in these last few days before we begin the task of returning students to school.

Many thanks for the feedback you have shared with us about our return to school plans. We are of course excited to get students back into school as we know this is the best place everyone can make progress and be supported.

We are also aware, given the feedback we've had that for many of you the process of returning to school will be an anxious time.

Can I remind you that you must use the form sent by Mr Quinn to give your consent to opt in to your child taking Lateral Flow Tests as they return to school for the safety of the community. The deadline for this is Friday. The link is below.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=neYW48rsCEKkCAlQGI4AWLcWieubAkdNtBaHFuId kjJUMFNZNEZBTkxBUDUwNFhLUEtGSzhFR0hVTy4u

To that end, and in order to ensure that students are tested before circulating around the school, we have reviewed our processes and will stagger the arrival time of students as they return to school for the first time. This will avoid students moving around the school or sitting in classrooms before they have had a negative Covid-19 test.

Students will arrive at the times set out below on the days we shared with you in Tuesday's emails. They will be directed to the Sports Hall, where they will need to register and where they will be kept at least 2 metres apart for the duration of the testing process.

You will see that on each day a form group will already be pre-registered as they would have registered at home following the instructions and using the barcode email by Mr Quinn.

The other groups will register online using their device and the barcode they are given on the day. They will need to bring a device to school with them to do so.

The timetable below sets out when students should arrive for their tests. They will then wait until they have received a result before proceeding to the classroom.

We cannot accommodate any student who arrives ahead of their test time, so can I ask that your child does not arrive early, as we do not want further circulation of groups of untested students.

Following a negative test, students will proceed directly to their timetabled lesson and room and continue with their day and week. Should a student test positive, we will of course contact you to collect them urgently, and they will self-isolate in line with government guidance.





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As I said in my communication on Tuesday, we would keep our processes under review, and this slight change to arrival times means that we can further ensure the safety of our staff and students, by ensuring that we have picked up on any positive cases before they have begun moving around the school. I cannot think of anything worse for student wellbeing than arriving back for their first day only to discover that because they were circulating prior to having a test they now had to self-isolate for 10 more days at home. No one wants that.

I do apologise if this minor adjustment to students returning to school causes difficulties for transport, but I am sure you understand that I am acting in the best interests of the entire community.

For those students who have not consented, or whose parents have not consented to the lateral flow testing program, they should still arrive at the time and day identified in the tables below to be registered as you come on to the school site, and to go to your first lesson of the day.

Many thanks for your continued support in ensuring all students can return safely to school. I do hope that these next few weeks will see the end to the significant disruption we have all faced, and return in some way to more normal schooling,

With best wishes,

Mark Grady Head Teacher

#### Monday the 8th of March

Students should arrive at the time in the registration column and proceed to the sports hall 11R will be emailed their barcodes by Mr Quinn by Sunday 7th March.

All other form groups will arrive and register on their phone or device in the sports hall.

Testing schedule	Registration	
11R		9:00
11H		09:00
11S		9:30
11G		10:00
10R		11:30
10H		12:00
10S		12:30
10G		14:10
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# **Tuesday 9th of March**

Students should arrive at the time in the registration column and proceed to the sports hall 13A will be emailed their barcodes by Mr Quinn by Monday 8th March.

All other form groups will arrive and register on their phone or device in the sports hall.

13A	09:00
13B	09:00
13C	9:30
13D	10:00
13E	11:30
13F	12:00
13g	12:30

# Wednesday 10th of March

Students should arrive at the time in the registration column and proceed to the sports hall 7R will be emailed their barcodes by Mr Quinn by Tuesday 9th March.

All other form groups will arrive and register on their phone or device in the sports hall.

7R	09:00
7H	09:00
7S	9:30
7G	10:00
12A,12B	11:30
12C	12:00
12D	12:30
12E	14:10
12F	14:40





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## Friday 12th March

Students should arrive at the time in the registration column and proceed to the sports hall 9R will be emailed their barcodes by Mr Quinn by Thursday 11th March.

All other form groups will arrive and register on their phone or device in the sports hall.

	Registration
9R	09:00
9H	09:00
9S	09:30
9G	10:00

## **Thursday 18th March**

Students should arrive at the time in the registration column and proceed to the sports hall 8R will be emailed their barcodes by Mr Quinn by Wednesday 17th March.

All other form groups will arrive and register on their phone or device in the sports hall.

	Registration	
8R		09:00
8H		09:00
8S		09:30
8G		10:00