



Friday, 26 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

With so much being announced this week, we've revised completely the information we are sending home. All the information provided previously is still available [here](#) on our website.

This week has seen a number of announcements concerning testing and the return to school. In this letter, which I would ask you to read carefully and share with your son or daughter, we've outlined the arrangements.

Return to school.

We are really looking forward to having our students back with us learning in our classrooms! These are the plans for Year 10 students' return to school.

As you will have seen from media reports, all students will be offered COVID tests before returning to school; testing will continue once students are back in school. Testing will begin on Wednesday 3 March. A short return to school video can be seen [here](#). Students will then take two further tests that are spaced 3 to 5 days apart. After this third test, students will be required to self-test at home. More guidance will follow on this procedure when it is received in school; however, please be assured that self-administering tests is very straightforward.

Please advise your consent [here](#). Because of some minor changes to the testing regime, we would like you to give your consent again, even if you have already done so in January. We have simplified the process for doing so.

Plans for the week commencing March 1st

Pupils will continue to be taught from home for this week.

The plan for the return of Year 10 is as follows:

Entering and leaving the school site

Students should arrive on site, wearing a facemask, at the time stated below via the Sports Centre entrance. They will then follow the corridor into the Sports Hall where they will enter the queuing system inside the hall.

Once the students have had their test, they will exit through the fire doors at the rear of the Sports Centre and return home immediately. At all times on a student's journey to and from school, and whilst on our school site they must adhere to all social distancing guidelines. **It is vital that your child arrives at school at the time they are given below and not before or after the time stated.**

Initial COVID testing

Your child will receive their lateral flow test from our team of trained testers in the Sports Hall. A short

test procedure video can be found [here](#)

Following the test, **you will only be contacted by the school if the test result is positive.** We will then explain what you need to do next: in short, it is to get a PCR test at a local test centre. **If your test is negative, then we will not contact you.**

Times of the tests for Year 10

	Date	Time	First letter of surname
Test 1	Wed 3rd March	13:00	A-C
		13:30	D-G
		14:00	H-L
		14:30	M-R
		15:00	S-W
Test 2	Mon 8th March	13:00	A-C
		13:30	D-G
		14:00	H-L
		14:30	M-R
		15:00	S-W
Test 3	Thurs 11th March	13:00	A-C
		13:30	D-G
		14:00	H-L
		14:30	M-R
		15:00	S-W

Teaching on the days that testing is being carried out

During the week commencing March 1st lessons will continue to be delivered online. On testing days (Wednesday, Thursday or Friday depending on the year group) teaching will take place as follows:

Test time	Periods 1, 2 and 3	Periods 4 and 5
Morning test between 9am and 12pm	Will not be taught as students will be attending school for their lateral flow test. Whilst at home students are encouraged to complete any outstanding work or engage with 'screen free' activities such as reading, cooking, personal exercise etc.	Will be taught online, via Zoom, as per our remote learning strategy
Afternoon test between 1pm and 4pm	Will be taught online, via Zoom, as per our remote learning strategy	Will not be taught as students will be attending school for their lateral flow test. Whilst at home students are encouraged to complete any outstanding work or engage with 'screen free' activities such as reading, cooking, personal exercise etc.

COVID testing at home

After your child's third test at school, you will be aware that you are then expected to carry out twice weekly COVID testing of your child at home. As such students will be provided with a box Lateral Flow Testing Kits to take home with them for you to do this.

Returning to school – week commencing 8th March

Following the students' first test they will be expected to return to school from Tuesday 9th March. On the day they are to receive the COVID test, students will not attend school and will learn remotely as they have been doing during lockdown. On those days students will follow the same process for remote teaching as they are currently following. We are taking this approach so that students do not

miss lessons when they are attending school for their tests but also so that we can inform parents of any positive test results without compromising the safety of other students and subsequently, their families. This approach also reduces disruption to lessons and movement around the school. Students will follow the exact same routine as they were following in the Autumn term. This means arriving at school through their designated gate, in their full school uniform, with facemask, rucksack and all learning resources to resume face to face learning in their year group bubbles. PE lessons will resume as normal with all PE lessons taking place outdoors.

Students will be expected to always wear a facemask when indoors on our school site, unless they are exempt, in which case, they must wear their exemption lanyard clearly. This includes during lessons. When students arrive at school for their first lateral flow test (in the week commencing March 1st), they will be given a Bournside branded facemask that they are expected to bring to school with them every day. Students who subsequently arrive at school without a facemask will be expected to purchase one from the Dining Centre before attending lessons. We look forward to welcoming the students back to school next week for their tests and in the week commencing 8th March for face-to-face learning to resume.

Once again, thank you very much for your ongoing support. We look forward to seeing our students back where they belong!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Jefferies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Steve Jefferies
Headteacher