



5th March 2021

Dear parents, carers and pupils

Reopening from Monday 8th March – Letter 2

Further to our letter on Monday, here we provide some key reminders about the plan for the first week of phased return to face to face lessons, and clarification points based on some of the questions many of you have asked via email this week.

Walk through video for pupils

Please click the link below for a walk-through video of the key information we have shared so far, led by our Head Boy and Head Girl. We hope pupils find this video informative and useful in order to visualise some of the information shared earlier this week.

<https://bit.ly/3beAQtc>

Electric Scooters and Travel to School

A number of pupils have asked about using electric scooters to travel to and from school. As was the case in the Autumn Term, we encourage pupils to walk or cycle to school and avoid using public transport if possible. This guidance remains and is noted in The Government's most recent documentation to support the reopening of Schools.



Pupil safety and protection is our ultimate propriety. We have sought advice on the overall safety, legalities and insurance implications for electric scooters such as the one pictured. These scooters are not a legal mode of transport and further, they do not carry suitable insurance to cover pupils in the event of an accident. As such, pupils will not be allowed to travel to or from school using an electric scooter. If brought onto school site, we will have no choice but to confiscate until parents/ carers can come into school to collect.

Click here for a useful article to help explain this decision to your child: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-48106617>

The phased return of year groups

The table below shows when each group of pupils are due in school for the first time. Up until their first day, pupils should work independently using the remote learning package via the school website. Pupils' first day marks the start of full time school again and they are required to attend everyday thereafter. Please note a correction to our first letter for Year 9 pupils.





	Arrive by 08:35	Arrive by 09:00	Arrive by 10:00
Monday 8th March		Year 13 11I – English 11R – English 11E – English	11A – English 11S – English 11P – English
Tuesday 9th March	All Year 11 Pupils All Year 13 Pupils	Year 12 10I – English 10R – English 10E – English 10D – English	10A – English 10S – English 10P – English
Wednesday 10th March	All Year 10 Pupils All Year 11 Pupils All Year 12 Pupils All Year 13 Pupils	9I – English 9R – English 9E – English 9D – English	9A – English 9S – English 9P – English
Thursday 11th March	All Year 9 Pupils All Year 10 Pupils All Year 11 Pupils All Year 12 Pupils All Year 13 Pupils	8I – English 8R – English 8E – English 8D – English	8A – English 8S – English 8P – English
Friday 12th March	All Year 8 Pupils All Year 9 Pupils All Year 10 Pupils All Year 11 Pupils All Year 12 Pupils All Year 13 Pupils	7P – English 7I – English 7R – English	7A – English 7S – English
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Monday 15th March	All Year 7 Pupils All Year 8 Pupils All Year 9 Pupils All Year 10 Pupils All Year 11 Pupils All Year 12 Pupils All Year 13 Pupils	-	-

Home testing for all members of the household

On Sunday 28th February, it was announced that rapid lateral flow testing would be made available to all households of school pupils and staff. This means that in addition to the three initial tests and then twice-weekly home testing for DEC pupils, households are also now able to access home testing kits. The full announcement can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=6e1997ec-c18c-4c46-b718-d46db0acdd98&utm_content=immediately

Please note that this testing is separate to the school-based testing for pupils.

To order home testing kits for your household, click here: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Test kits can also be collected from a range of sites locally. Click here to find your nearest site where home testing kits can be obtained: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/findatestcenter.html>

We look forward to seeing all pupils again gradually from Monday 8th March.

Yours sincerely,

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