

Edward Peake C of E (VC) Middle School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the announcement that all pupils will return to school on Monday 8 March 2021, I am writing a short letter to let you know what that will look like at Edward Peake.

Friday 5 March 2021

Edward Peake will be closed to all pupils for a training day and no remote learning will be offered. Staff will spend the day preparing classrooms and lessons (including the thorough cleaning of equipment) for the return of all pupils and all staff will require training on the updated operational guidance released by the Department for Education. It is important that we get this right.

Sunday 7 March 2021

We will invite Key Stage 3 (years 7 and 8) pupils to the site in order to take a lateral flow test. This will reveal any asymptomatic carriers of coronavirus. Taking the test is not mandatory but it is strongly encouraged and will help to keep us all safe. More details on this will be sent to parents/carers of KS3 pupils in due course.

Monday 8 March 2021

All pupils return to school. Start and finish times will be the same as the Autumn term:
Key Stage 2 (years 5 and 6) pupils, start time 8.40am, finish time 3.20pm
Key Stage 3 (years 7 and 8) pupils, start time 8.50am, finish time 3.30pm
We will operate under very similar guidelines as in the Autumn term. There are small changes regarding the wearing of face coverings for KS3 (details to follow).

As I am sure that you will understand, there is a great deal to organise before 8 March 2021 - especially the continuing testing of staff, 2 further tests for all Key Stage 3 pupils, cover for the many staff who will be continuing to shield until at least 31 March 2021 and most importantly welcoming our pupils back and getting back to our core business of teaching and learning without delay! For this reason, we will be reducing the number of Google Meets during the week beginning 1 March and all pupils will only have a 'reconnect' meeting with their form tutor.

You will receive more information from us over the next fortnight and we are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back and enjoying the remainder of the spring term and hopefully all of the summer term together.

Yours sincerely ..

Miss Z J Linington
Headteacher

