

Dear Parent / Carer

We are looking forward to all pupils rejoining us the week beginning March 8th. I am writing to you with key reminders so that the return to school goes smoothly for all pupils and families. I have attached a leaflet of key information and ask that you can go through this information with your child before they return to school. These are non-negotiable expectations that all pupils must meet on their return to school.

## Health and Safety Updates

### Face Masks

- All pupils must wear a face mask in all communal areas - classrooms, corridors, scholars buses.
- Pupils should also carry a spare mask. Please ensure your child brings two masks to school.
- Teaching staff will wear masks in all communal areas. When teaching, staff will wear masks when they are within 2 metres of any pupil.

### Attendance

- All pupils are expected to attend school from the 8th March. The specific dates for year groups were communicated in [this letter](#).
- If you have a child in the family who falls into the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable category please contact the relevant Pastoral Leader to discuss how we can support you.
- Siblings of Clinically Extremely Vulnerable children are still expected to attend school.

### Testing

- Every pupil will have the opportunity to have three tests in school. This will happen between the 8th and 19th of March.
- It is then expected that testing will continue at home. More advice will be provided on the distribution of home testing kits at a later date.
- If your child or a member of your household test positive for covid-19 please ensure that you inform us by emailing [covidtestresult@whickhamschool.org](mailto:covidtestresult@whickhamschool.org) with the exact information.

### Risk Assessment and Associated Documentation

- We have reviewed and updated our Covid-19 risk assessments.
- All of the updates have been implemented following government guidance and in line with advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England.
- Student protocols can be found [here](#).

### Friday 5th March

In order to assist with the smooth return of pupils all staff will be in school on Friday 5th March preparing for the opening on the 8th. Live lessons will therefore be suspended on this date and pre-recorded lessons will take their place. **Remote learning will still take place for all students.**

Should you have any issues please contact your child's Pastoral Leader to discuss this further.

Year group	Extension number	Email address
Year 7	224	eherrington@whickhamschool.org
Year 8	239	ahall@whickhamschool.org
Year 9	240	abensley@whickhamschool.org

<b>Year 10</b>	226	delliott2@whickhamschool.org
<b>Year 11</b>	225	ghouston@whickhamschool.org

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during these difficult times. I hope that the return to school is a positive one for us all and I assure you we will always do our best to work with you and your child so that they are successful and happy at Whickham School.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Maher  
Deputy Headteacher Pastoral