



Our Ref: STW|SSH|001

26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Headteacher's letter yesterday (25.02.2021), I am writing to you to give you details of the testing arrangements to allow students to return to school safely. Please read the entire contents carefully.

The first test days are as follows:

Year 11 and Year 12	Thursday 4 th March 2021
Year 10 and Year 13	Friday 5 th March 2021

The tests will be carried out on an appointment system to allow you to plan around your days for transport and make it as convenient as we possibly can for you. We will manage the registration with the NHS test and trace system using the information we already hold; all you need to do is give consent, book a slot and turn up at your chosen time.

Please note that the confirmation of test results will go to the student's school email address, but we will also make contact with parents/carers in the event of any positive results. We will need everyone to go through the consent process even if you have done this previously, as the system has changed recently.

This is an asymptomatic testing service, so please do not come in for testing if you are showing any coronavirus symptoms which are:

- A new persistent cough.
- A high temperature.
- Any change of loss in your sense of taste or smell.

Students should not come in for a test if they are in a self-isolation period as advised by NHS test and trace and do not need to be tested if they have had a positive covid test result in the last 90 days.

As always students will need to wear masks and maintain social distancing when moving around the school. When testing is completed students and parents/carers should leave the site straight away. Provided the result is not positive, students should arrive for school at the normal time on Monday 8th March using their year group entrance.

The arrangements for the subsequent two tests will be communicated in school to students. We have a good deal of experience running our testing service, but we do appreciate that some students may be anxious. To help with this we have made a video of what to expect which you can [see here](#).

We are using our online booking system so that you can choose a time which is convenient for you. To organise your test please confirm consent by completing [this online form](#) and then look out for a separate email which allows you to book your testing slot on the relevant day.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing students back in school very soon.

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Yours sincerely,

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