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Dear Parent/Carer

This letter is to update you on the plans regarding school reopening.

Firstly, we hope you are all well. This has been a difficult time for students and families, and it is very positive that we can look forward to having all our students back in school. The return to school does not mean the end of measures to limit the spread of the virus, and this letter explains some of those. We will keep you updated on all the steps we are taking to operate the school safely.

Despite the need for continuing precautions, we are very pleased to be able to welcome our students back. One of the things we have learned from the pandemic is how resilient and adaptable our staff and students are. We have had significant numbers of pupils in school throughout, as well as developing high quality remote learning, and there has been fantastic learning happening during lockdown. However we have also learned how much we value and miss everyone being part of the day to day school community, with all the events and opportunities and interactions that go with that. When everyone returns, Lister will be as supportive and welcoming as possible, and we encourage you to let your child's Head of House know if there is any particular support that you think they may need. We will also be working with our partner schools in the Newham Community Schools Trust to ensure that there are even more interesting and positive activities and opportunities than ever before.

In order to manage the return for all students as safely as possible, we are updating our risk assessment in line with government guidance. We are putting arrangements in place to provide Covid testing for all pupils on their return to school. It is essential that we receive completed consent forms for all pupils before their return. Testing is not compulsory, but we encourage you to give your consent as an important contribution to keeping our students, staff and community safe from Covid.

Please indicate whether or not you would like your child to participate in the testing regime by completing the Google Form, which can be found by clicking [this link to complete the form](#) by 9:00am on Monday 1st March 2021. Over 16's can complete the form themselves.

The arrangements for testing all of our students are complex, and we will be putting a phased return in place. We will write to give you details of this early next week.

Yours faithfully

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Executive Headteacher of Lister Community School

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