

Dear Families,

Welcome back after half term. I hope you all managed some time away from screens and in the fresh air over half term.

As we return to our virtual classrooms you will be aware of plans to get children back to their real classrooms. We are aiming to have everyone back in school by Friday 12th March.

Students will begin the return to school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We will be separating out testing students and the return to face to face lessons, as students taking tests should have a negative result before going to class.

	Being tested for the first time on site	Return to school	Remote learning
Monday 8th	Years 11 and Year 10		All students access lessons from home
Tuesday 9th	Year 7	Years 10 and 11	Years 7,8,9
Wednesday 10th	Year 8	Years 7,10 and 11	Years 8,9
Thursday 11th	Years 9	Years 7,8,10 and 11	Year 9
Friday 12th		All students in school	

On the test days students will simply come to school to take the test and return home again. Students will not be in school for longer than about an hour on that day. You will be contacted with an arrival time for your child by the end of next week. Do not worry that your child will miss a lesson or lessons online to do this. Students do not need to wear school uniform on their test day.

If you intend to get your child tested in school we must have your consent form by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. If you have lost the form please email [covid19@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:covid19@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk) and we will get another one to you.

It is not compulsory to take a test and families who have not given consent should send their children in to school on the relevant return day.

Where you have given permission, your child will be tested for coronavirus on the day they return, and twice more over the following fortnight. After the third test, you will be sent test kits home to test your child at home, more details to follow on this.

On the return to school day students should return to school in full uniform or school PE kit if they have PE on the day named above. Please contact us if you have any issues with your child's uniform.

The timetable will run exactly as before. School buses will run as before.

Students will be required to wear masks at all times indoors, except when eating. Students exempt from wearing masks for medical reasons will need to wear their lanyards upon return. If any have been lost a new one will be issued on their first day. Staff will also be wearing masks in classrooms. We appreciate your support with this new aspect of school life, the extra layer of protection is there in response to cases of coronavirus still being at a higher level than when we returned to school in the autumn. The government will be reviewing this guidance at Easter and we would hope masks won't be necessary in classrooms in April.

To allow us to set up school for 8<sup>th</sup> March, there will be no live remote lessons on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Work will be set on Teams for all classes that day. Students can complete this independently.

If your child is clinically vulnerable or you are worried about someone in your household please get in touch with their pastoral leader. Your child will be able to access classes remotely if they are required to shield. Otherwise we will expect children back in school.

As we return to face-to-face education it is vital that you do not send any child to school who is showing any symptoms of coronavirus; or if a person in the household is showing symptoms. The same processes apply as before Christmas; please contact us to let us know your child or family member is showing symptoms and we will get in touch about next steps.

Equally we will still be sending contacts of positive cases home to isolate for 10 days, as before Christmas. These cases might be picked up in school tests or by you at home.

The testing in school does not replace any of these expectations, it is just designed to pick up any coronavirus cases where children don't display any symptoms.

I know there is a lot to think about at the moment and a lot of information. If you need any help or advice around your specific situation at home please get in touch on our [covid19@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:covid19@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk) email and we will do our best to help.

I will be in touch again whenever we get any further guidance or updates. We are really looking forward to having your children back in school again, let's hope this is now a real road to recovery. We look forward to more stability and freedom for us all in the coming weeks and months. I know we are all desperate for the day when we can be close to our nearest and dearest without fear of making them poorly!

Stay safe and look after each other.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Ruth England  
Headteacher



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