



St Peter's Church of England Aided School

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

Thank you for your fantastic swift response in completing the Covid testing consent forms. We are very much looking forward to having all students on-site as soon as we safely can.

As a result of many schools across the country requesting that Covid testing can begin with students before 8th March, the Government have agreed this can happen in the week before. This means we are able to plan to have students on-site and in lessons earlier than envisaged in my letter sent earlier this week on 23rd February.

As with so much of our communication around Covid the information in this letter is subject to change at short notice and I am sorry for any inconvenience that changes may cause, but for now this is our understanding of how we will phase our full opening.

Phased return to full opening of School

With the enormous additional numbers of students we will now need to test prior to them being in classrooms our approach to a phased return will mean that we will not be able to accommodate all students on-site and in lessons until Wednesday 10th March at the earliest.

In the meantime, we therefore anticipate that remote learning will continue for most students who are not currently in school up to and including Tuesday 9th March.

Covid Testing

Students will be invited into school during the course of next week for a specific time for their Covid test. Students will then need to leave the school site immediately to continue with their remote learning from home.

I will share more details as soon as we have organised all of the Covid test consent forms after the deadline for returns at midday, Friday 26th February.

Home Testing

Home testing is being introduced for secondary aged pupils (11+) and college students. It is important that pupils and students are initially supervised whilst swabbing to make sure they are doing it correctly. This is why testing will initially take place on-site, at an asymptomatic test site (ATS).

Once students have gained confidence in school with administering these we trust the government will then supply us with home testing kits for students.

Face Coverings

At present our understanding is that other than those students and staff who are exempt face coverings should be worn in classrooms and in all indoor communal areas. They will not need to be worn when taking part in exercise or strenuous activity (PE Lessons). Face coverings do not need to be worn by students when outdoors. Details on how to make face coverings can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering>.



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Sleep

Over the coming weeks please prepare students for the return to school by regularising sleeping habits and ensuring that they take part in as many activities as possible during remote learning sessions. Regular exercise will also help, this does not need to be every day but our experience after the last long lockdown was that many students struggled to have the stamina for the on-site school days and we think that physical exercise where possible will help with sleep as well as add a bit of variety.

I will endeavour to share more detailed information with you as swiftly as possible. There is a lot to plan for and staff are working hard and thoughtfully to ensure our community is as safe as reasonably possible and also able to provide a full curriculum of on-site specialist teaching.

Yours faithfully

Phil Randall
Headteacher

'Life to the full for everyone.'

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