



Email from Ms Sheriff – 24 February 2021

Dear Parent / Carers

You will be aware that the government has announced the re-opening of schools to all pupils from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The new government guidance was published on Monday evening and yesterday senior leaders began the detailed planning needed for the safe return of all our students.

One of the new requirements is for secondary schools to offer three lateral flow tests on-site to all students, and the first of these should be offered in advance of their return to face-to-face teaching. In order to do this, there will need to be a staggered return to school. The **testing will begin on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**, and it is hoped that **all year groups will be back in school accessing full time face-to-face teaching by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March** at the very latest.

Detailed information about the arrangements for each year group's testing and return to face-to-face teaching will be published as soon as possible, and by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March at the latest.

The vulnerable students and children of critical workers currently attending on-site provision will continue to do so over the next two weeks and throughout the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March, regardless of the staggered start for year groups.

I will be in touch again as soon as possible with further information.

Best wishes

Ms Janet Sheriff

