



Dear Parents/Carers

Phased Return

We are required to offer one Lateral Flow Test to all students – before they return to school and then two further tests once they are back in the classroom. Twice weekly testing will then continue at home – using home test kits which we will be issuing all students before the end of term.

We will be inviting each year group into school, in community groups, with specific timings the day before they are due back to school. We appreciate this will cause some disruption to their home learning day, but staff will ensure that the work set on these days is accessible before and after their tests. Students will still be expected to participate in their home learning on their test day – apart from when travelling to and from school for their test. Students should attend their test session in full uniform please.

The programme to deliver the first Lateral Flow Test is below and also confirmation of each year groups formal return to school date. Year 11 will return first on Monday 8th March and all year groups will be back by Friday 12th March.

Lateral Flow Testing schedule for student return

| By Year Group | Lateral Flow Test 1 | Return to school date |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 7 | 9/3/21 | 10/3/21 |
| 8 | 10/3/21 | 11/3/21 |
| 9 | 11/3/21 | 12/3/21 |
| 10 | 8/3/21 | 9/3/21 |
| 11 | 5/3/21 | 8/3/21 |

| By Date | Lateral Flow Test 1 | Formal return to school date | Remote Learning at home |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Friday 5 th March | Year 11 | | All years |
| Monday 8 th March | Year 10 | Year 11 | Year 7/8/9/10 |
| Tuesday 9 th March | Year 7 | Year 10 | Year 7/8/9 |
| Wednesday 10 th March | Year 8 | Year 7 | Year 8/9 |
| Thursday 11 th March | Year 9 | Year 8 | Year 9 |
| Friday 12 th March | | Year 9 | |

Lateral Flow Testing is voluntary. We therefore need parental consent to enable your child to participate in the school and subsequent home testing programmes.

Although we have already sought consent for keyworker and vulnerable students for testing, we need to request this is completed again and our new form will supersede any previous consent and will also apply for any subsequent or future changes.

Please can all parents/carers ensure you complete the survey no later than Wednesday 3 March – NIL returns are also required so that we are clear which students are opting in or out of the testing programme. Click [here](#) to go to survey.

Only students whose forms are returned by the 3rd March will be invited to attend the 3 in school tests and be issued with home test kits.

An email will be sent to parent and carers confirming the specific testing appointment slot for your child. Only students whose forms have been returned by 3rd March, will be allocated an appointment slot. To assist your own planning appointments will be arranged as follows:

Testing Day schedule

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| 10-11am | Broadwater |
| 11.30-12.30 | Heene |
| 12.30-13.30 | Salvington |
| 14.15-15.15 | Tarring |

Students will be able to return to school full time, on their stated start date above even if they have not been tested.

Face Coverings

The Government guidance on face coverings, in all areas, including classrooms will present some significant challenges for all schools and as a school our recommendation would be to encourage all students to follow this advice but we will allow them to have the option of removing them in lessons, (at the discretion of the member of staff delivering the lesson) once students have sat down in their seats. Lessons such as PE are exempt, for obvious reasons.

The wearing of face coverings in transitional areas and as they come into school will continue as before. I must stress the importance of every child ensuring that they have a face covering to wear that is either a reusable one or a clinical disposable variety. Students are also welcome to bring in their own sanitiser but this will be provided as before in all classrooms and wash room areas.

Regular washing and sanitisation of hands will continue, as will social zones, social distancing and well-ventilated spaces.

Attendance

The Government have now made it very clear that from the 8th March mandatory attendance will apply and along with that, all of our normal attendance policies and rules.

As a reminder our phased return is as follows:

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| Monday 8 th March | Year 11 |
| Tuesday 9 th March | Year 10 |
| Wednesday 10 th March | Year 7 |
| | |
| Thursday 11 th March | Year 8 |
| Friday 12 th March | Year 9 |

Uniform Expectations

I fully appreciate it has been a considerable amount of time since we have been fully operational as a school, but our expectations have not changed. Students need to be in full uniform when they are coming into school for their testing and obviously, when they return back to school.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform, shoes, no extreme haircuts or colourings, no jewellery (other than a stud earring in each ear), false eyelashes or nails.

Keyworker and Vulnerable Students

Keyworker and vulnerable students will follow their normal timetable from the 8th March attending lessons in person with their teacher and will be tested when their year groups are tested in school.

Enrichment and Clubs

As we return slowly back to school our extensive programme of clubs and after school activities will look to continue in school from the week beginning 15 March. More details will follow, but I wanted you to be aware that in terms of student's health and wellbeing we recognise that clubs are an excellent opportunity to engage with extracurricular activities.

Clinical Extremely Vulnerable (CEV)

Individuals identified as CEV are advised to follow the guidance, which has now been extended, to March 31. If your child has been issued a self-isolation letter please can you ensure a copy is emailed to school to covid19@worthinghigh.net – they will be able to access all lessons remotely during this period.

Kind regards

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