



March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We are very much looking forward to the school being fully open again next week. The school has felt too empty for too long! With everyone back, the heart of the school will be in place and our community will be back together as one.

The arrangements for the return to school have not changed. Covid-19 testing will take place as shown in the table below:

Date	Year Group	Time
Monday 8 March	Y7	From 8.00am to 10.00am
Monday 8 March	Y10	From 10.00am to 12.00pm
Monday 8 March	Y11	From 12.30pm to 3.30pm
Tuesday 9 March	Y8	From 10.00am to 1.00pm
Tuesday 9 March	Y9	From 1.00pm to 3.30pm

Students will return to school in line with the schedule in the following table:

	Monday 8 March	Tuesday 9 March	Wednesday 10 March
Y7, Y10, Y11	Task based lessons on Google Classroom	Return to school and normal lessons	<u>All students return to school as normal</u>
Y8, Y9	Live Lessons on Google Classroom	Task based lessons on Google Classroom	
Critical Worker / Vulnerable students	Continue to attend school as they have been doing throughout lockdown		

I would like to reinforce some key points for the return to school:

- School will operate as it did from September to December with year groups in 'bubbles' and staggered breaks and lunchtimes. Students should continue to use the entrance / exit that they were using before the start of the lockdown.
- In line with government guidance, all students will now be required to wear a face covering in classrooms, as well as in communal areas and corridors. Face coverings will not be required when outside or during PE lessons or in situations where social distancing can be maintained. It is likely that this element of the guidance will be updated after the Easter break. We will let you know of any change to this. In the meantime, we would be very grateful for your support in ensuring your child has a face covering every day and that they understand when they must wear it.

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- Frequent handwashing / sanitising along with social distancing will be reinforced and remain central to our routines at school.
- We will expect all students to maintain high levels of behaviour and to follow our expectations. This will include full school uniform; should you have any issues around uniform please contact the relevant Head of Year or Behaviour Support Officer.

I would also like to remind you that it is important that we all remain vigilant with regard to coronavirus. Anyone with symptoms should still self-isolate immediately according to government guidelines. Those with symptoms are also expected to order a test online or visit a test site to take a lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test to check if they have the virus. If any student displays symptoms in school, we will contact you so that they can be collected and a test organised. As was the case prior to lockdown, in the event of any positive test results, we will continue to identify close contacts who need to isolate and will inform you. Please continue to inform us if your child tests positive for coronavirus.

Whilst we are looking forward to everyone returning to school, we do understand that some students might find it harder than others. We will be taking time as part of the school day to ensure students are fully briefed about our expectations. We will also ensure that there are opportunities to ask questions and to talk about this challenging time that we are all going through.

If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of the wider reopening of school, please contact us at school. We have now updated our full risk assessment for reopening which is available on our website (<https://grahamschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Graham-School-Wider-Reopening-of-school-Risk-Assesment-08.03.21.pdf>). Once again, I would like to reassure you that everything is in place to ensure everybody's safety and wellbeing and I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Yours Faithfully



Emma Robins
Principal