



HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL

23rd February 2021

Dear parents/carers,

You will have seen the latest guidance from the Government this evening regarding the staggered start back to school in January, as well as mass testing. This letter sums up the key information using the guidance we have from the Government. As always, this can change and we will follow any changes that the Government bring in as and when it happens.

What I do want to confirm with you is that all students in all years will return on Monday 8th March. We are really excited to have our students back in the building, but we want to ensure that this is done in the safest way possible.

You were previously emailed a google form with regards to giving consent for mass testing. We will be sending out a new google form for you to complete. This allows us to have up to date consent for testing, as well as other key information. Please ensure that this is completed by the Friday (26th February) at 9am to support us with our planning.

With regards to testing, the government have stated that students should have three tests completed in school. If you have agreed that your son/daughter can be tested, the following will happen:

- Student will arrive at their given time slot (see below) on Thursday 4th March and enter the sports hall (they can arrive at any time during that time slot). Parents/carers will need to remain in the car if they are driving the student to school)
- They will be registered and checked that we have consent.
- Student will then join the queue and be tested
- After the test, the student will leave via the 'exit' door of the Sports Hall (they do not need to wait for their test result)
- If the test comes back as negative, you will receive a text from the school explaining this
- If the test comes back as positive, you will receive a phone call from the school explaining this. You will then need to book in for a full test at a local testing centre, wait for this result and the household follow the subsequent guidance
- Students will then have their second test on Monday 8th March (they will be tested a tutor group at a time following roll call) and their third test on Thursday 11th March (again a tutor group at a time following roll call)
- The Government have stated that students will then be provided with tests to complete at home twice a week. We have no further information about this or the logistics surrounding this so further information will be provided when we have it.



Please see below the schedule for when students will be having their first test on **Thursday 4th March** and will therefore need to arrive at the Sports Hall during their allocated time slot.

Year 11 – 9am till 10am

Year 10 – 10am till 11am

Year 9 – 11:30am till 12:30pm

Year 8 – 12:30pm till 2pm

Year 7 – 2:30pm till 4pm

Mop up – 4pm till 5pm (available for any students who cannot make their time slot)

*Siblings are welcome to attend for testing at the same time

All students will return to school at normal time and in full school uniform on Monday 8th March. The year group 'zones' that were used up until the Christmas break for roll call, break, lunch and lessons (other than practical subjects) will still be used, so all students know where to head for roll call on the first day back. The Government have request that all staff and students wear face coverings when they are inside the school building (except during PE/when eating or drinking). This will be reviewed at Easter and I will be in touch with any changes to this for after the Easter break. On the google form that will be sent out, there will be an option to inform us of any students who are exempt from wearing face coverings. We will provide these students with a lanyard on Monday 8th March so staff are aware that these students are exempt.

Our after school Legacy clubs will return w/b 15th March and Mrs Benfield will be in touch over the next week with further information.

To ensure that the school is fully ready for the full reopening on Monday 8th March, we are asking that all students who have been coming in to school to complete their work, to remain at home and complete their online learning on Friday 5th March to allow a deep clean of the school building. Online learning will continue for all students until Monday 8th March.

We are currently still waiting for an announcement on Year 11 and what their 'exam' season will look like. We are hoping that this will arrive this week and as soon as we know specific information, we will be in touch.

As you can see, a huge amount of work and planning needs to go into this, so I again ask for your patience and continued support. You will be communicated with as much notice as possible regarding any further changes.

Thank you again for your support.

Mr S Derry
Headteacher



