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Dear Parent/Carer

From Monday 8 March we are delighted to be able to reintegrate our student population back into school. As part of that reintegration schools are expected to administer lateral flow testing for every student. The tests are not compulsory although are highly recommended and I would encourage you to give consent for your child to be tested upon their return to school in order to minimise risk of transmission and further disruption to education should students have to self-isolate through the track and trace process. We will be sending out electronic consent forms via MyEd later this week.

Students will be tested 3 times upon their return to school, each test being within 3 and 5 days of one another. Students are only able to return to learning in school once they have their first negative test result. Therefore, once a student has their lateral flow test they will be escorted in to a self-contained space in school where they will remain until the test result comes through. It takes approximately 30 minutes for the test to come through. Any student who does not have consent to be tested will not be prohibited from returning to learning.

You will appreciate that administering the tests for potentially 1400 students is a complex logistical operation. In order to conduct testing safely and smoothly we will be working on a phased return for respective year groups during the week beginning 8 March. This will allow us to process students through the tests in a safe and manageable way.

The table below indicates the day which each respective year group will return to school. We will send out, via MyEd and student year group e mail, next week the finer details for the week beginning 8 March including the allocated time your child is expected to come in to school which will be staggered throughout the day. Remote learning provision will continue for students until the point that they are back in school.

Date	Year Groups returning to school
Monday 8 March	Years 11 and 13
Tuesday 9 March	Years 7 and 8
Wednesday 10 March	Years 10 and 12
Thursday 11 March	Year 9
Friday 12 March	All students fully reintegrated back into school

The primary purpose of writing to you today is to provide a general outline of our plans and to inform you on which day your child returns to school. Please be assured as we continue to work through our plans over the coming days we will furnish you with more detailed information next week. This current information will not answer all the questions you may have but I would ask to please await further information before contacting us with your potential questions and queries.

I hope your child is looking forward to their return to school as much as we are. Thank you for your continued support throughout this challenging period and hopefully we can all look forward now to stability and routine for our whole school community throughout the rest of this academic year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S P Pender', written in a cursive style.

S P Pender
Headteacher