



3 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Updated information for return to school March 2021 including wearing of face coverings

I write to you after the first day of asymptomatic testing of students in preparation for the return to face to face teaching next week. Today has been a very successful day of testing in which the students conducted themselves superbly and the testing staff have done a fantastic job in registering, testing and processing lateral flow device tests for all students in Year 12 and 13. We look forward to repeating this with Year 10 and 11 tomorrow and Years 7, 8 and 9 on Friday. Should you need to complete the online consent form as a student 16 and over or parent of a student under 16 please do so at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3e9BZEn>

The wearing of face coverings

While the process of testing and requirements for return are an additional challenge not of our own making, we are looking forward to welcoming the students back to school safely and a return to the classroom for learning. In addition to our existing controls the DFE have advised that students and staff also wear face coverings in all areas, including the classroom, where social distancing is not possible up until the Easter holidays as an additional precaution.

As with the testing, this is strongly encouraged as a temporary additional measure, but not compulsory and while we will continue to enforce the wearing of face coverings (except for those with medical exemptions) in unstructured communal areas and corridors, in the controlled location of the classroom where seating plans are in place to support tracking and tracing this will be encouraged but not insisted upon.

Our practices and decision regarding the wearing of face masks/coverings is in line with other local schools and will be kept under review, especially in light of any updated local or national guidance from government and/or changes to transmission in the local area.

Testing days

You should have already received the date, time and location to report to for your child to be tested this week an

If you have not received this for any reason please email s.chesterman@warlinghamschool.co.uk with your child's name and tutor group.

Please find an overview of testing below.

Test 1 Days - Wednesday 3 March to Friday 5 March

Year Group	Test number	Date	Time
12	1	Weds 3 rd March	10.00 – 11.30am
13	1	Weds 3 rd March	12.00 – 1.00pm
10	1	Thurs 4 th March	9.00 – 11.00am
11	1	Thurs 4 th March	11.30 – 1.30pm
7	1	Fri 5 th March	8.30 – 10.30am
8	1	Fri 5 th March	11.00 – 1.00pm
9	1	Fri 5 th March	1.30- 3.30pm

Test 2 Days and times – Monday 8 March to Tuesday 9 March

Year Group	Test number	Date	Time
12	2	Mon 8 th March	9.00 – 10.30am
13	2	Mon 8 th March	9.00 – 10.30am
10	2	Mon 8 th March	11.00 – 12.30pm
11	2	Mon 8 th March	1.00 – 2.30pm
7	2	Tues 9 th March	9.00 – 10.30am
8	2	Tues 9 th March	11.00 – 12.30pm
9	2	Tues 9 th March	1.00 – 2.30pm

Test 3 will be undertaken in school during the school day on Thursday 11 March and Friday 12 March.

Return to School – Wednesday 10 March

Please find our updated reopening plan for the return to face to face learning on Wednesday on the school website and accompanying this letter.

In summary:

Students in Year 7– Should come to school for an 8.35am start and assemble in the Year 7 playground to be collected by their tutors

Students in Year 8 - Should come to school for an 8.35am start and assemble in the Fire assembly playground to be collected by their tutors

Students in Year 9 - Should come to school for a 9.00am start and assemble in the Year 9 playground to be collected by their tutors

Students in Year 10 - Should come to school for a 9.00am start and assemble in the area between Business and DT to be collected by their tutors

Students in Year 11 - Should come to school for a 9.00am start and assemble in the Year 9 playground to be collected by their tutors

Students in Year 12 – should come to school for an 8.45am start and assemble in the Sixth Form Common Room to be collected by their Tutors

Students in Year 13 – should come to school for an 8.45am start and assemble in the LRC to be collected by their Tutors

Should you have any concerns about your child returning to school or have any relevant information to share with the school, in support of your child's return to school, please contact your child's Head of House or Tutor in the first instance.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Foster', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr P Foster
Headteacher