

26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst we have continued to update you through the weekly newsletter we wanted to take stock following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday evening before sharing our plans for a safe and smooth return to school for all of our students.

As you will no doubt be aware Monday 8th March is the return date that has been shared by the Prime Minister with the added caveat that it will be down to school to determine a return model that works best for them. As such we are sending a letter to the parents of students in each year group as the plans do vary for each cohort.

This also provides a useful opportunity for us as a school to thank each and every one of you who have supported your children and in turn our Stopsley high School community throughout. Thank you to all those who took the time to complete our survey on our Remote Learning Provision. We are adapting our provision as a result of the feedback from parents, carers, students and staff.

In order to adequately prepare for the return of students, Monday 1st March will be a day of remote learning for all students. Staff are busily preparing work in line with students' timetables and this will be accessible via Satchel:One. Staff will be able to review the work completed and any queries that arise following this. Students will return to the "live" lessons model from Tuesday 2nd March.

All students are strongly encouraged to complete 3 lateral flow tests upon their return to school. We have re-purposed the changing rooms and had them converted into testing bays, whilst colleagues have engaged with the necessary training and passed all required assessments in order to administer and process the tests accurately.

We are only offering these lateral flow tests for those **without coronavirus symptoms**. We are following the guidance issued by Public Health Luton and asking that any close contacts of a person who has tested positive for Covid-19 complete the self isolation period and do not enter the school site until this has been completed.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help staff and students to remain in our schools safely. Up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms and by testing we will help to stop the virus spread and help to keep our schools as safe as possible.

**I must emphasise that the testing programme is voluntary, but I would encourage everyone to participate.**

Please find [attached](#) an instructional leaflet and further information on how the tests are taken.

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained school staff. The 'lateral flow' tests are quick and easy using a swab of the tonsils and nose. Results (which take around half an hour from testing) will be shared directly with staff and the parents of students participating, so please ensure it is your mobile number that is included on the consent form which you will find in the link below.

It would be most helpful if you could take the time to complete the attached updated consent form by the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021, which will be pivotal in assisting us with our planning: [Lateral Testing Consent Form](#).

The exact details regarding your child's year group being tested and in turn how this impacts on their educational package can be read below:

**Year 7**

**Test 1 date:** Thursday 11th March 2021 - **by appointment slot *then return home***

**Test 2 date:** Tuesday 16th March 2021 - **in school**

**Test 3 date:** Thursday 18th March 2021 - **in school**

**Educational Package:**

Monday 8th March	Tuesday 9th March	Wednesday 10th March	Thursday 11th March	Friday 12th March
"Live" learning from home	"Live" learning from home	"Live" learning from home	"Live" learning from home	Return to school - classroom learning

Monday 15th March	Tuesday 16th March	Wednesday 17th March	Thursday 18th March	Friday 19th March
Classroom learning	Classroom learning	Classroom learning	Classroom learning	Classroom learning

It will feel somewhat strange for the students, having been at home for so long, so we are carefully planning their transition back to school to enable them to be able to share how they are feeling so we can support them to make the process as smooth as possible. It would greatly assist us in our planning if you could encourage your child to complete this [Well being survey](#)

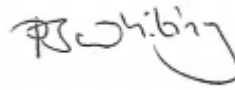
We fully appreciate that our community will have a variety of queries around the school reopening, and how we will be ensuring the students maintain social distancing and prevent any possible transmission of the virus so we will send a further letter detailing our expectation and plans next week.

We are looking forward to welcoming all students back into our community.

Yours sincerely,

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**K Hand**  
**Interim Headteacher**

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**P Whiting**  
**Deputy Headteacher**