



The Blue Coat School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope you and your families are well and that your child managed to get a good break over half term.

Following the announcement on the opening of schools on March 8th I wanted to give you some brief information at this stage on our planning for the full return. Further details and information will be shared with you next week but I thought it would be useful for you to have the overall current picture.

- The school will be open from 8th March for all staff
- The school will be open for key worker and vulnerable students as usual for week beginning 8th March
- As it currently stands the school is expected to test all students (with consent) 3 times in the first week beginning 8th March
- In order to facilitate this mass testing, the government have allowed schools flexibility towards remote and face to face learning in this first week
- Therefore, we will continue to operate remote learning of live lessons online through Teams for this first week - students will access this from home and we will bring students in on a rotation basis to facilitate the testing throughout the week
- All students will return to school full time on Monday 15th March

Mrs O'Rourke will be sending out a consent form for you to complete if you would like your child tested in the first couple of weeks of re-opening. Please could you complete this as soon as you can so that we can plan accordingly.

Mr Roberts has already sent information to our Year 11 and Year 13 Parents and students regarding the dates of our internal assessments (mocks). We await guidance from the DfE and Ofqual following the consultation on Teacher Assessed Grades - we hope it will be out by the end of this week. As usual we will be in touch with any important information.

I will be sending out further details on the arrangements for the week beginning 8th March and for the subsequent weeks up to the Easter holidays next week. The school will continue to operate and function as it did for the Autumn Term with the same health and safety restrictions in place and the same arrangements for the school day. There are a couple of additional measures that we will be adhering to which I will communicate with you next week. We are in the process of planning for the mass testing but also putting in place support for the government's longer term plans for testing outlined in the latest guidance.



If you would like to read the latest government guidance for the opening of schools on March 8th, please find the link below.

It will be wonderful to welcome all our students back to school again - it has been a tremendously tough few weeks for everyone and I am sure they will be relieved to see their friends again and benefit from face to face teaching.

As usual, please do get in touch if you have any queries.

With best wishes



Scilla Yates
Headteacher

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/963541/Schools_coronavirus_operational_guidance.pdf

