



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

School Reopening

On Monday 22 February 2021, the Government announced the welcome news that schools will reopen to all students from Monday 8 March 2021. The details published by the Government, especially the need to offer all students their first on-site Covid-19 test upon their return, are complex and present logistical challenges for us. We are currently preparing plans to ensure the school can reopen in a safe and controlled manner to protect all members of the school community.

In line with Government guidance, the school will begin to reopen to all students week commencing Monday 8th March 2021, with a staggered start for year groups on different days. This is needed to allow for up to 1,500 students to be tested for Covid-19 on-site. We are required to prioritise the return of exam groups first.

Staggered Return to School

Start Date	Year Group	First Covid-19 Test Offered
Monday 8 March 2021	13	Thursday 4 March or Friday 5 March 2021*
Monday 8 March 2021	12	Thursday 4 March or Friday 5 March 2021*
Monday 8 March 2021	11	Thursday 4 March or Friday 5 March 2021*
Monday 8 March 2021	10	Monday 8 March 2021
Tuesday 9 March 2021	7	Tuesday 9 March 2021
Wednesday 10 March 2021	8	Wednesday 10 March 2021
Thursday 11 March 2021	9	Thursday 11 March 2021

**Year 11 – 13 students will be offered a Covid-19 test before the school reopens. A separate letter will be sent to these parents confirming testing arrangements.*

Students whose parents are critical workers and vulnerable children will unfortunately not be able to attend school week commencing Monday 8 March before their staggered return date as per Government guidance.

I will write to you next week with the full reopening plans, but thought you would appreciate early notification of when your child can return to school.

We are looking forward to seeing your child back in school. Thank you for your patience and support.

Yours faithfully

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