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Dear Parent/Carer,

Wider reopening information Letter 1 - This is the first in a short series of letters designed to keep you informed about our plans for wider reopening.

You will be aware that the Prime Minister has set out his roadmap for the removal of the latest lockdown restrictions starting with the wider reopening of schools from Monday 8th March. The main summary of this plan is;

- That all students are expected to return to school from Monday 8th of March
- Students (whose parents consent) will be tested 3 times in school and then twice-weekly at home after that.
- Students will be required to wear masks at all times when they are in lessons and corridors

As always, we wish to ensure that students and staff are as safe as possible on their return and the logistics of this will require careful and intensive preparation. To that end, we have made the following decisions;

1. Thursday 4th and Friday 5th of March will be catch up days. Students will work at home completing any unfinished work whilst staff will be involved in preparations for the return to school.
2. We will also be shut to vulnerable and key worker students on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th of March to allow for deep cleaning of spaces used by them.
3. To allow time and space for the first round of testing and to support the successful induction of students, the return will be phased throughout week beginning 8th of March. We have yet to decide the sequence of return but the Government has asked us to prioritise years 10 to 13. We will send details of who is in and when next week.
4. Whilst they wait for their return that week students still at home will follow their usual remote learning timetable.
5. When they do return students will work in Year bubbles in the same zones with the same routines as the Autumn term. This will include asking whole year bubbles to self-isolate if and when any cases arise in their year groups.

In the next two days you will receive information via text and email about how to give consent for the testing. Please follow the instructions to register as soon as you receive the information.

I will write home again at the start of next week with further details around;

- The phased return
- Testing arrangements
- Expectations once students are in school
- Measures taken to protect students and staff

We will also be running online assemblies next week for all year groups to update them on their return. Dates and times of these assemblies will be texted to parents and posted to students on the Google Class Streams for the year groups.

Your support and feedback have been very gratefully received throughout this time. Hopefully this will be the last time that we need to make these arrangements!

Best wishes,



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Headteacher