

Wednesday, 6th January 2020

Pupils returning to school

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to see our pupils again this week in our online school. It has also been very useful for us to set up our testing centre onsite and to test our staff, which is working very well. It is not, however, a substitute for physical school and I would like to outline how we will be integrating pupils back into school next week. We hope this will give everyone access to education and wellbeing at school whilst still doing what we can to slow the spread of the virus.

We have the capacity to test all of our staff and pupils on a weekly basis. In this way, we are much more likely to pick up anybody who is carrying the virus, but not showing any symptoms. It has certainly been a comfort for staff to receive negative results this week as I hope it will be for the pupils and your families. Attached to this letter you will find lots of information about the testing process. Please take some time to read these through:

1. **Information** about Covid-19 Testing
2. Covid-19 Testing **Privacy** Statement
3. **Consent** Form for Covid-19 Test form

We have made the consent form easier to return to us by filling in this [online form](#). This is all you are required to do at this stage. It would be very helpful to receive this form before next week.

On your child's first day in school, they will receive a test (then on a weekly basis from that point) From our experience, it should only take a few minutes to complete the test in our test centre (the Science lab). Pupils who cannot self-administer the swab test will be assisted by trained Green Room staff, all of whom are known to the pupils. We will have the results in 30 minutes, during which time the pupils will go for a walk with staff. If the test is negative, the pupils will enter lessons. With a positive test, the pupils will need to go home.

We do not have a very large school site, so like we did in the "Lockdown 1", we will be reducing the number of pupils in school at any one time. The attached timetable details which groups and pupils will be in each day. Every pupil will be in physical school for 2 days, with 3 days of online school. Angel will make all the necessary arrangements with transport.

I hope you will agree that with weekly testing and a blended school (online & physical) we will be able to open our school as safely as possible. We will keep reviewing what is possible and keep you updated, but for now, while we adjust to this new lockdown, this will be the plan for the coming few weeks.

There is a lot of information here. As ever, if you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Kind Regards,



Richard Allen
Head of School