



Hazelwick School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this Letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

Following the recent announcements by the Prime Minister and the Department for Education, we are very much looking forward to welcoming back our students in the week beginning 8th March. We have reviewed the published guidance and created a programme which enables student testing (for those who have consented to it) to take place effectively prior to their return.

Below is the schedule of when each year group will be tested and the day they will return to school. We will send out the details of the first test in a separate email to the relevant students, parents and carers and students will be given an individual time to arrive for their first test. They will then need to return home and await a negative test result prior to their first day in school. Subsequent tests will be undertaken during the course of the school day once students have returned. If a student misses their appointment, there will not be an opportunity to take a test at a different time.

After the initial programme of three tests in school (each one three to five days apart), students will be provided with their own kits to test themselves twice a week at home. Students not undergoing testing will return to school on their *first day back*, as outlined below. Anyone who has previously received a positive Covid-19 PCR test result should not be re-tested within 90 days of that test, unless they develop any new symptoms.

Date	First test	First day back in school
Thursday 4th March	Year 13, Year 12	
Friday 5th March	Year 11	
Monday 8th March	Year 10	Year 13, Year 12, Year 11
Tuesday 9th March	Year 7	Year 10
Wednesday 10th March	Year 9	Year 7
Thursday 11th March	Year 8	Year 9
Friday 12th March		Year 8

Remote education will still be provided next week in the usual way for those year groups who have not yet returned and this will end once all students are expected to be back in school.

We will be reminding all students that receiving a negative test result does not negate all the protective measures that were put in place in the autumn term and these will continue, at least for the remainder of this term, including contact tracing.

Staff and students in secondary schools and colleges are advised to wear face coverings in all areas, including classrooms, where social distancing cannot be maintained. This is applicable to all students, unless wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE lessons, or for those who are exempt from wearing a face covering as set out in government guidance.

I recognise that the logistics of welcoming back our students is not without its challenges and we will of course continue to support our students as much as possible. Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

All good wishes,

Ms A Fearon
Headteacher