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Dear Parent,

As you will be aware school will reopen again on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 following the latest national lockdown and we look forward to welcoming our students back to school.

However, we do have to administer Lateral Flow tests for all students when they return and the advice is that face to face teaching can only start when your child has a first negative test result. In order for us to do this, we will need to adopt a phased return to school in the first week. Our plan is to build up admissions by one year group a day so that by the end of the week we have all year groups in school. From the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021 everybody will be in school. The start date for the different year groups is below.

	Mon 8th	Tues 9th	Wed 10th	Thurs 11th	Fri 12th
Year 11	In school	In school	In school	In school	In school
Year 8		In school	In school	In school	In school
Year 10			In school	In school	In school
Year 7				In school	In school
Year 9					In school

**All vulnerable learners and children of critical workers who have attended during lockdown must return to school on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

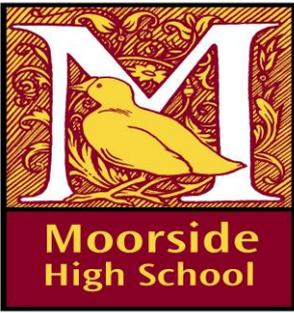
This has not been an easy decision and administering the tests is quite a logistical exercise to undergo when there is limited capacity and volunteers available, as all staff will still be teaching and with us having to test every child 3 times over the first two weeks. In total this amounts to some 2400 tests. We have been informed that after their 3<sup>rd</sup> test, students will be issued with Lateral Flow Home Tests kits which they will have to do twice a week at home. However, we will issue further instructions about the home kits closer to the time.

In order to reduce transmission opportunities while they await the test, we will stagger the start time for each teaching set based on their day of return. We anticipate that testing will need an hour per set.

	Monday 8th	Tuesday 9th	Wednesday 10th	Thursday 11th	Friday 12th
	English sets	Teaching groups	English sets	Teaching groups	English sets
9.00am	Year 11 set 1	8X1	Year 10 set 1	7HX	9 set 1
9.30am	Year 11 set 2	8X2	Year 10 set 2	7HY	9 set 2
10.00am	Year 11 set 3	8H1	Year 10 set 3	7H1	9 set 3
10.30am	Year 11 set 4	8H2	Year 10 set 4	7H2	9 set 4
11.00am	Year 11 set 5	8I1	Year 10 set 5	7I1	9 set 5
11.30am	Year 11 set 6	8F	Year 10 set 6	7I2	9 set 6
12.00am	Year 11 set 7		Year 10 set 7	7F	9 set 7

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If your child has no other way of coming into school other than by coach or bus then on their allocated day they will have to come into school at the normal time and wait for their test to be done. **On their first day back students must wait outside the main reception doors to await their test. After their first day back they will go to their normal zones on arrival in a morning.**

All staff will be back in school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and they will continue to deliver online Teams lessons for your children if they are NOT in school on a particular day. The normal timetable will apply. Students in school will have face to face lessons once they have had their first negative Lateral Flow Test result.

By everybody consenting to have a Lateral Flow test it will mean that we know at the time of testing there are no asymptomatic cases in school and therefore we will all be a little less anxious. Thank you to all those parents who have already provided consent.

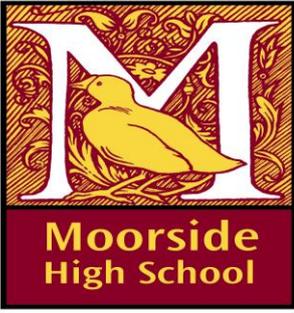
Our Risk Assessment will be reviewed in light of current governmental changes and available on the website from 5<sup>th</sup> March, for the return to school. All the control measures we used before lockdown will still apply:

- *Children will remain in year bubbles (on arrival at school they go to their bubble ie. Year 7 KS4 yard, Year 8 GYM accessed through the front of the building, Year 9 Astro Turf, Year 10 KS3 Yard and Year 11 Dining Room). They will be taught in the same adapted classrooms as before and be following a one way system around school.*
- *Social distancing must be maintained at all times, including on the way to school and on the way home. We will continue to stagger the end of the day to achieve a steady flow of students out of the school.*
- *Rooms will be well-ventilated with windows and doors open, so please wear warm clothing, as well as waterproof clothing for outside. Uniform must be worn at all times. Additionally it is advised that wherever possible PE lessons are outside so please ensure PE kit is appropriate for this.*
- *Children and staff will be expected to wash their hands when visiting the toilets (20 seconds with soap and dry with paper towel) and hand sanitise on entering and leaving each room, at the beginning and end of the day and prior to eating. Pupils will be pleased to know that we have changed our supplier!*
- *FACE MASKS – Face masks will have to be worn at all times when in the building (unless they are eating) and that now includes in the classroom. Please make sure your child brings a face mask to school and a sealable bag to put the face mask in whilst they are eating. We will remind students about how to safely put face mask on and off. These must be washed daily or disposed of in marked bins. Face masks do not have to be worn outside.*
- *The canteen will be operating as it did prior to lockdown and as such FSM will be once again provided via the canteen rather than the voucher system*
- *We employ the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' system of good respiratory hygiene.*
- *There will be enhanced cleaning around school with cleaners doing additional duties to ensure we offer a full curriculum. This includes cleaning of any PE, ICT and Music equipment between lessons*
- *Students/families/support bubbles must isolate and get tested if they show symptoms and for 10 days after a positive test and notify the school. The government are offering financial support for some families if this incurs issues- please click on the link below if this might affect you [Apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)*
- *If your child had a letter advising them to shield, please send us a copy and then all their lessons will continue to be offered on TEAMS when all other pupils return*

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I must make you aware that attendance is now compulsory when students return. The school has worked hard during this year to ensure attendance to school is good both in school and to remote learning. We have worked closely with families who have had concerns over Covid-19 and this will continue. Our normal procedures will be followed for none attendance which ultimately could mean the issue of penalty notices through the Local Authority.

For those students who attend school by the Copelands Coaches from Weston Coyney, it is vital that students only travel on their allocated bus. This is vital for track and trace and prevents cross contamination of year groups. The first Weston Coyney bus is for years 7 and 10. Year 7 students are allocated the front seats of the bus and year 10 students, at the rear. The second bus is for years 8, 9 and 11. Year 8 students sit in the front seats of the bus, year 9 students in the middle and year 11 students at the rear. Students have to hand sanitise when getting on the bus/coach and when getting off and **MUST** wear a facemask at all times.

Please make sure that your child brings their own equipment to school. **We should not be sharing equipment.**

This is likely to be an anxious time for all involved but I can assure you that every precaution is being taken to reduce risk. The pupils have shown great resilience throughout and adapted well to remote learning but we are all eager to see the pupils again and recommence face- to- face teaching. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher

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