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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a restful half term. We would like to update you as much as we can based on recent nationwide developments. You will most likely have heard the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday in which he stated that all secondary school students can begin to return to school starting from Monday, 8th March. The statement also indicated that secondary schools are able to stagger the return of students in different year groups over the course of that week.

You may also be aware of the new Government COVID regulations for schools in terms of students being required to wear masks at all times inside the building – including in classrooms - and the expectation for us to carry out COVID testing for those students who have parental permission. Masks should now be worn by all students from this point onwards other than for those students who have a medical exemption. Students will be expected to wear full school uniform as usual including their own re-usable mask. School PE kit will need to be worn on PE days with a school blazer as previously. Pupils will be expected to bring basic equipment with them (pen, pencil, ruler & calculator).

We are obviously delighted that all of our students are now able to return, but we must also ensure that we mitigate any possibilities of the spread of COVID. Over the next few days, we will be reviewing our risk assessment and finalising the organisation for the return of all student starting on March 8th.

At the moment, we are still waiting for confirmation regarding the teacher assessment processes for Year 11 and Year 13. The latest information from the DfE is that we will know more about this at some point this week.

We will, of course, update you further as these plans develop and are finalised. All information will be shared with you in ample time so that you are aware of when your child will start and so on.

In the meantime, we will continue to provide on-site education for those students who are eligible, as well as continuing remote learning for those students working at home. As always, we thank you for your support and patience during this period.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Mitchell
Headteacher

Parents/Carers: Stay Alert. Keep your child at home if they have Covid-19 symptoms. Stay Safe.