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Arrangements for the Reopening of School from 8th March

Dear parent or carer,

I hope you are well. We are really delighted to be able to welcome pupils back into school next week. Below, I have set out the detailed arrangements for the phased return of pupils and the other supportive measures we are taking in school, as well as further important information.

Phased Return to School and Covid Testing

The schedule included at the end of this letter outlines the specific arrangements for the safe return of pupils. As I am sure you appreciate, the logistics of testing so many pupils are challenging. Therefore, it is necessary, in accordance with the DfE guidance, to phase the return of year groups both during the day and through the week. We also understand that this may cause some inconvenience but trust you appreciate we need to carefully manage the arrival of pupils in order to ensure pupils are safe and feel fully supported through an unfamiliar, but important, testing system.

How to use the schedule:

- Firstly, identify your child's year group and tutor group.
- Along with the first letter of your child's surname, this will provide a specific time slot to arrive to school. **It is very important that your child arrives only at the allotted time. If they are early, they will be required to wait outside until their allotted time. If they arrive late, they will only be admitted if capacity allows and may need to wait until the end of the session.** Pupils are not expected in school until, and from, their allocated day.
- If you have not provided consent for your child to be tested, they should still arrive at the designated time. Upon arrival, these pupils will be directed to their normal lesson.
- Pupils should report to the pupil entrance by the school Hall. Pupils must be in their normal school uniform.
- They will be registered and directed to the testing area or pre-test waiting area in the LSU.
- Tests will be completed in the designated testing area, the Dance Studio
- Once the test has been completed, pupils will be required to remain in the post-test waiting area in the Hall until the result of the test is confirmed.
- At all stages of the above process, face-coverings must be worn unless your child has a specific exemption. Social distancing must be observed.

Our staff will be on hand to support every stage of the process. A brief video guide to the testing room and process is available to view by [clicking here](#) or via [Instagram here](#). A more detailed video outlining the process is also available to view by [clicking here](#): please note, the registration process will be slightly different as pupils will have been registered in advance.

In order to adhere to the government guidelines for subsequent testing to take place between three and five days of the preceding test, the following maps out the schedule for each year group.

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	Week beginning 8th March					Week beginning 15th March					Week beginning 22nd March				
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Test 1	11 13	10 12	7	8	9										
Test 2				11 13	10 12	7	8	9							
Test 3							11 13	10 12	7	8	9				

What happens if my child's test is negative?

While a small number of pupils may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason, pupils who test negative will be able to stay in school and will be directed to their normal lesson. Pupils' test results will be sent directly from NHS Test and Trace to the contact email and mobile telephone number that is held for you in the school system.

What happens if my child's test is positive?

If a pupil tests positive on a lateral flow device, they will be informed immediately by school and will need to self-isolate for 10 days. The school will contact you to make arrangements for your child to go home. **The Department for Education confirmed that from Wednesday 27th January, individuals who test positive using an LFD test at a school site, do not need to book a PCR test.**

What if staff or students have been in close contact with someone in school who tests positive?

The staff member or student will be notified that they are a close contact by the school and will be instructed to self-isolate as per the national guidance. There may be instances where close contacts are also contacted by NHS Test and Trace. In this instance they should notify NHS Test and Trace that they are a close contact through school and are self-isolating.

What if my child develops symptoms?

Pupils displaying symptoms must not come into school.

The testing programme at school is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Covid Management

We will continue to implement our robust and effective covid management measures, with which our pupils are already very familiar. These include:

- Pupils maintaining year group bubbles with separate break and lunchtimes.
- Hand sanitisation routines at the start and end of every lesson.
- Pupils will remain responsible for sanitising their work area at the start of the lesson as well as any equipment they may need to use. It is also important for pupils to come fully equipped for learning to all of their lessons
- Staff will ensure rooms and communal are well ventilated.
- In addition to the updated guidance below, pupils are expected to wear face coverings in communal areas of the school, including the school hall when they are not eating or drinking and especially on lesson changeover.

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- In accordance with the school Covid management plan, please remember that parent access to school site is by prior appointment only

Face Coverings

You may have seen that the government have recently updated its guidance on the use of face coverings/masks inside classrooms. In the government guidance, it states 'we also recommend that face coverings should be worn in classrooms for a limited time'. The guidance also states that 'No pupil should be denied education on the grounds that they are not wearing a face mask'.

We recommend that face masks are worn by students wherever possible. We will continue to guide and educate students about the effective use of face masks. However, we will not penalise or sanction a student who is not able to wear a face mask.

The use of face coverings in recommended circumstances is one element of the system of controls and will be implemented in line with other guidance and measures as outlined above.

Arrival to School

The arrangements for testing should be adhered to for the first day pupils return to school. **After that** the normal arrival time protocols are in place as follows

Pupils will not be allowed in school until their allocated time, even in inclement weather. Pupils arriving on the public bus are able to report to reception and they will be supervised in the Hall until their year group are admitted.

Year 7	08:30
Year 8 and Year 9	08:40
Year 10 and Year 11	08:50

Sixth Form students may make use of the common room from 08:30 and registration begins at 08:40. At the end of the day pupils are dismissed as follows:

KS3	14:50
KS4 and Sixth Form	15:00

Uniform

As I am sure you will appreciate and understand, it is important that we continue to uphold our high standards for uniform. I am very proud of how the vast majority of our students represent their school through excellent uniform. We also acknowledge that, as pupils try on their uniform again after a long period away from school, updates may be necessary. If this is the case and you have not been able to source an item of uniform or are experiencing particular hardship, please contact your child's pastoral manager and we will identify how we can provide support.

Pupils are still required to come to school in their PE kit on the appropriate timetabled days when they have PE.

Remote Learning

For pupils who are awaiting their return to school, lesson content can be accessed via the Remote Learning Menus located on the main school website [here](#) for the week beginning 8th March. For each teaching group you will find a link to learning materials Plan B link on the website.

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In subsequent weeks, should students be unable to attend school or they wish to review earlier topics or dig deeper into a topic they are studying, they can access learning resources via Stella [here](#).

If you experience any problems accessing the resources, please contact: ITAdvice@atlp.org.uk. When emailing, please remember to state the school name, full pupil name as well as the nature of the problem

As always, we appreciate your support in proactively sharing and discussing all of the above measures with your child in anticipation of welcoming pupils back to school next week. It will be a new experience for pupils and staff but the priority is to get pupils back in to school and learning as quickly as possible.

Should you have any queries, please contact school via office@netherstowe.com or via the appropriate College or Pastoral Head.

Best regards,

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Testing and Phased Return Schedule: Week Beginning 8th March.

Monday 8 th March		Tuesday 9 th March		Wednesday 10 th March		Thursday 11 th March		Friday 12 th March	
Year 11 and Year 13		Year 10 and 12		Year 7		Year 8		Year 9	
Time	Group	Time	Group	Time	Group	Time	Group	Time	Group
09:00	11 Beacon Surnames A - E	09:00	10 Beacon Surnames A – G	09:00	7 Beacon Surnames A – L	09:00	8 Beacon Surnames A – J	09:00	9 Beacon Surnames A - H
09:30	11 Beacon Surnames F - Z	09:30	10 Beacon Surnames H - Z	09:30	7 Beacon Surnames M - Z	09:30	8 Beacon Surnames K - Z	09:30	9 Beacon Surnames I - Z
10:00	11 Chase Surnames A - L	10:00	10 Chase Surnames A – L	10:00	7 Chase Surnames A - I	10:00	8 Chase Surnames A - L	10:00	9 Chase Surnames A - L
10:30	11 Chase Surnames M - Z	10:30	10 Chase Surnames M - Z	10:30	7 Chase Surnames J - Z	10:30	8 Chase Surnames M - Z	10:30	9 Chase Surnames M- Z
11:00	11 Trent Surnames A - K	11:00	10 Trent Surnames A - L	11:00	7 Trent Surnames A - H	11:00	8 Trent Surnames A - L	11:00	9 Trent Surnames A - I
11:30	11 Trent Surnames L - Z	11:30	10 Trent Surnames M - Z	11:30	7 Trent Surnames I - Z	11:30	8 Trent Surnames M - Z	11:30	9 Trent Surnames J - Z
12:00	11 Wall Surnames A - L	12:00	10 Wall Surnames A – J	12:00	7 Wall Surnames A -K	12:00	8 Wall Surnames A - J	12:00	9 Wall Surnames A - J
12:30	11 Wall Surnames M - Z	12:30	10 Wall Surnames K - Z	12:30	7 Wall Surnames L - Z	12:30	8 Wall Surnames K - Z	12:30	9 Wall Surnames K - Z
13:00	Year 13 Surnames A-H	13:00	Year 12 Surnames A-H						
13:30	Year 13 Surnames I-Z	13:30	Year 12 Surnames I- Z						

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