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Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to the government announcement on Monday afternoon, we are delighted students will begin to return to school from the week commencing Monday 8 March. Having digested the extensive guidance for schools we can now share our initial plan with you. Our plans continue to be driven by our principles of safety and the quality of education, both of which have served us well since September 2020. Our thorough risk assessment will be updated and shared with the whole community before 8 March.

In reuniting our community of over 1000 students and 100 staff, it is important each and every one of us takes our responsibility seriously, to minimise the amount of time spent Learning@Home in the spring and summer terms. We started to share this important message with students yesterday, where I talked to students in broad terms about their return, highlighting the personal responsibility we each hold along with the importance for us all to observe the safety precautions and protocols. We will continue to promote this message and would be grateful if you could echo these at home.

Returning to school safely

All safety precautions and protocols in place from Term 2 remain, with the addition of **two** further safety measures beginning from 8 March.

1) Asymptomatic Testing using Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs)

Asymptomatic testing is strongly encouraged for all students and staff. Testing will begin when students return as per the timetable below. Students will take three tests in school between 8 March - 19 March with a supervised adult to support effective testing. Once three tests have been completed in school, we will be sharing two tests each week for students to test themselves at home with an adult to support them.

Results of home tests must be reported to school on the same day by awarding behaviours on the Class Charts Parent App. We have produced a [short video](#) that shows how easy it is to report results. If you are not yet signed up with a Class Charts parent account please contact your child's Head of House for support in setting this up.

Thank you for all the returns confirming consent. Should you still need to do this please click [here](#).

If you are willing and able to support our asymptomatic testing programme between 8 - 19 March, please contact school@skdrive.org.

Our phased return of students

In shaping our phased return and carrying out over 1000 first tests, we have taken into account the safety of student bubbles, the safety of students within their bubbles and our bus transport to and from St Katherine's. Our goal is to ensure we keep all bubbles in school for as long as possible, building on the momentum achieved through the national lockdown. The structure below highlights when each year group will return, ensuring students avoid mixing in school and on buses with those who are yet to be tested.

In-school provision for children of critical workers will continue to run as normal throughout the phased return until the year group returns to normal timetabled lessons in school. To ensure that we can safely support our

students during the phased return, Learning@Home during the week commencing 8 March will be set as independent lessons with limited live lessons taking place.

Key points

- When a year group is in school they will follow a bespoke timetable which will be discussed with students as we welcome them back to school alongside taking a test.
- On those days when students are in school for testing, they should not consume food or drink in school before their test. We would encourage them to have a proper breakfast before leaving home; there will be no morning provision from the school canteen but it will be open for lunch following the testing.
- Return to a 'normal' full school day after first test as follows:
 - Year 13 Thursday 11 March (not in school Friday 12)
 - Year 12 Friday 12 March
 - Year 11 Thursday 11 March (not in school Friday 12)
 - Year 10 Friday 12 March
 - Year 9 Monday 15 March
 - Year 8 Monday 15 March
 - Year 7 Monday 15 March

Timetable for return from 8 March

Date	Year Group	Time of return	Notes
Monday 8 March	13	8.30am	Year 13 go to tutor rooms. Year 13 will be able to leave site following their test or are welcome to stay on site and complete independent study Year 11 go directly to bottom courts and line up in tutor groups.
	11	8.55am	
Tuesday 9 March	12	8.30am	Year 12 go to tutor rooms. Year 12 will be able to leave the site following their test or are welcome to stay on site and complete independent study. Year 10 go directly to bottom courts and line up in tutor groups.
	10	8.55am	
Wednesday 10 March	8	8.55am	Year 8 go directly to top courts and line up in tutor groups.
Thursday 11 March	13	8.30am	Year 13 go to tutor rooms. Students will complete their test during tutor time and will attend lessons during the day. Year 11 go to tutor rooms. Students will attend lessons during the day and be called for their second test at a specified time Year 9 go directly to top courts and line up in tutor groups.
	11	8.55am	
	9	12.00pm	
Friday 12 March	12	8.30am	Year 12 go to tutor rooms. Students will complete their test during tutor time and will attend lessons during the day. Year 10 go to tutor rooms. Students will attend lessons during the day and be called for their second test at a specified time Year 7 go directly to top courts and line up in tutor groups.
	10	8.55am	
	7	12.00pm	

Normal bus services will resume from 8 March using the timetables shown on our [website](#). An additional service will be added on both 11th and 12th March for those Year 9 and Year 7 students needing to arrive in school for 12:00 pm. Pick up times for these routes will be:

SK-1

Stop Name	Time
Roman Way	11:30
Woodleaze	11:32
Shirehampton Green	11:37
Barracks Lane	11:40
Farr Street	11:43
McLaren Road	11:45
SCHOOL	12:00

SK-2

Stop Name	Time
Henleaze Gardens /Westbury road	11:25
Canford Cemetery	11:27
Coombe Lane	11:32
Sunny Hill	11:34
Chapel Lane	11:40
Long Cross Lay-by	11:43
Badenham Grove	11:45
SCHOOL	12:00

SK-3

Stop Name	Time
Muller Road Top	11:20
Monks Park Ave	11:22
Charfield Road	11:26
Charlton Road Jct	11:29
Marlwood Drive	11:30
Crow Lane Lay-by	11:36
Marissal Road (Co-Op)	11:40
SCHOOL	12:00

SK-4

Stop Name	Time
Brislington Lidl	11:25
Greenmore Road	11:30
Highgrove Street	11:32
Park Avenue	11:35
North Road	11:50
SCHOOL	12:00

SK-5

Stop Name	Time
Filwood Grn Business Pk	11:16
Wills Way	11:17
Novers Lane	11:24
Broadbury Road	11:26
Broad Walk Square	11:29
Stockwood Crescent	11:30
Raymend Road Opposite Victoria park school	11:32
The Malago	11:35
West Street	11:38
Parson Street Station	11:40
Smyth Road	11:45
SCHOOL	12:00

Please remind children travelling by bus of the three rules that must be followed on all routes:

- **Wear a face covering at all times when on the bus.**
- **Sit only in your allocated seat as shown on your bus pass.**
- **Remain seated and wear a seat belt at all times.**

On arrival in school students should not disembark until instructed to do so by a member of staff. Failure to meet expectations will result in consequences potentially revoking the bus pass.

2) Face coverings

Face coverings are to be worn by students in all internal spaces, including classrooms until at least Easter. This will not apply when eating or drinking, to those who are medically exempt or in situations where wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE lessons.

Please ensure your child has a suitable quantity of face coverings (we would suggest a minimum of three per day to allow for regular changing) and a resealable bag. Should you need assistance with this, please do not hesitate to contact our Student Support Office - sso@skdrive.org

These additional two safety precautions along with all our other routines - **Hands Face Space and Catch it, Bin It, Kill it** - will all help minimise the risk of transmission. However, should we have a positive test within our student community, we will be following the guidance on identifying close contacts, which will regrettably result in students having to self isolate for ten days.

Within the updated close contacts guidance, this includes anyone who has travelled in the same vehicle, meaning those travelling on the same bus or car would have to self isolate. With so many of our students using our bus service we recognise the disruption this will cause. Should this be the case, Learning@Home would revert to resources for students to engage in independently. These will be shared via google classroom.

Supporting a smooth return to school

Please take this opportunity before full reopening to check that your child has the equipment and uniform needed for their return. We are in the process of changing our uniform supplier so please contact the school directly (school@skdrive.org) if you require any new uniform. Any families who are facing financial difficulties and may find it challenging to purchase any required uniform should contact their child's Head of House.

Whilst many students, (and parents/carers) are very excited about the return to school, we recognise this will be a time of anxiety and worry for some within our community. Our large pastoral team is ready to support your child(ren) as they return to school and I encourage you to make contact should you have any concerns about reopening.

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Screen free day

Our second screen free day will be taking place on Wednesday 3 March. Your child/children should choose an activity to complete each hour - they should select a different theme at a time that suits them throughout the day. Your child/children will not be required to log into the classroom or complete any lesson based tasks on this day. Instead, encourage your child/children to engage in the screen free day - if you can, why not take part in one of the hours! The activities will be shared in the parent/carer communications this week. For those on site, the day will end at 2pm with coaches departing at this time.

We will follow up with further details next week along with a reminder of the key messages so we have a smooth return to school.

Best wishes



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