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Dear Parent/Carer

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### **Re: Update Covid-19 arrangements for reopening school**

I am writing to let you know our finalised arrangements for reopening from 8 March 2021. I am sure you appreciate that it has been a greater logistical challenge than previous re-openings we have had to have in place. The challenge this time is reopening and carrying out Lateral Flow Tests as the basis for children to return to school as well as retaining the provision for vulnerable and children of critical workers for all year groups and this is alongside remote learning and face-to-face teaching. There are many things that we have had to consider and apologies if our arrangements give cause for concern – that is not my intention. As always, we are working within the guidelines set out by Government and the Department for Education (DfE):

[Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Attached with this letter is a summary document that is a handbook for all members of staff which sets out key areas of focus for a reopening of school. I feel it is important to share this with you as it provides the key information for how we intend to reopen school and as such is a handbook for parents and carers.

The handbook sets out the practical arrangements for each day from 8 to 12 March 2021 and our expectations for a return to school and I encourage you to read through it as it covers all aspects of reopening and provides detailed information. I have, below included some of the bullet points from my letter of 25 February 2021:

- Vulnerable and children of critical workers who have been in school during this lockdown and who are currently registered to be in school will continue, as they have been, to come into school from 8 March 2021; their timetable of lessons will need to be adjusted as we work through the phased return by year group
- As the individual year groups return on a phased basis, vulnerable and children of critical workers will re-join their year group bubble
- On the first session that pupils return, they will go to their form class until the Lateral Flow Tests have been completed so we are able to respond in the event of a positive test
- All members of staff will be in school from 8 March 2021 to support the logistical arrangements of having in school, vulnerable and children of critical workers in all years, pupils in Year 11 and students in Years 12 and 13
- If pupils have PE on the day they return to school, depending on when they have PE during the day, they may have that lesson and so should return to school wearing their PE kit as they did in the autumn term. For example, when Year 10 return on Tuesday 9 March 2021, 10 C Band have PE timetabled period 1 but they will not have PE as this is one of the periods being used for Lateral Flow Tests so, all Year 10 pupils on Tuesday 9 March 2021 should be in school uniform
- The Yellow Bus Service will resume from 8 March 2021

I appreciate there is a lot of information in this letter and once again some of the content of the handbook may appear a little contradictory in places, but we are working within the guidance issued by Government and the DfE. Once again, I wish to thank you for your continued support and understanding as we respond to the advice and guidance published to school and I look forward to welcoming our children back next week.

Yours sincerely

Ian Morrel  
Headteacher