

25th February 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Return to School in March 2021

Following the Prime Minister's announcement this week about the [wider reopening of schools](#) I write to update you with our plans.

Thank you for the support that you have provided during this period of extended remote learning. In order to open more widely as safely as possible, we need to coordinate our arrangements with the *mass testing* programme that will commence at school during the week of the 8th March.

We will be conducting the first of three on site tests for those who have consented between Monday 8th March and Wednesday 10th March. **Remote learning will continue for all students on these three days.**

If you wish to consent for your child to be tested in school you can still do so by noon on Monday 1st March [here](#).

If you have already consented, you do not need to do so again.

We will send you a separate text or email with the date and time of your child's test in due course. After the test your child should go immediately home.



All students will then return to school on Thursday 11th March at their year group start times and entrances, shown below. Being tested is not a condition of return, but we strongly encourage it.

Year group	Start time	Entrance
7	08.15	Glass doors
8	08.15	Footpath to MUGA
9	08.15	Reception
10	09.30	Glass doors
11	09.50	Glass doors
12	09.30	Reception
13	09.30	Reception

Attendance from the 11th March is compulsory for all year groups and your child must only be absent from school for a [legally permitted reason](#).

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Our system of controls remains in place, including staggered start and finish times, staggered breaks and lunches and enhanced cleaning.

The Collegiate Trust takes very seriously the risks to health and life of COVID-19 and supports all of the guidance to limit the possibility of transmission in our schools of the coronavirus that causes the disease. Therefore, when students return to secondary school on Thursday 11th March they will be required to wear a face covering over their nose and mouth at all times in the buildings, other than when eating at a dining table. This will include face coverings in lessons, which we recognise may limit aspects of learning; however, we believe this is a minor issue that will help to support the major aim of bringing all students back to school. If a student has a medically diagnosed condition or disability that makes this a problem, please ensure we are aware of this by emailing Mr Trehearn, Deputy Principal at: strehearn@thequestacademy.org.uk in order that we can consider whether to grant an exemption.

We're really looking forward to welcoming your children back to school again soon.

Yours faithfully



Mr A. Crofts
Principal