



26th February 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Mrs A L Kennedy BA, PGCE, NPQH
Head of School

I am delighted that we are able to return to school in the week beginning 8th March.

Home learning will continue for all students on the 8th, 9th and 10th of March to allow pupils to be tested, with all pupils returning to school and onsite lessons on Thursday 11th March. If you have not consented for your child to be tested and would like to do so please follow this link to complete the online consent form. <https://bit.ly/3pZrNYn>

Provision for children currently in school will continue until they return with their peers to normal lessons on 11th March.

I would like to thank you for the efforts that you have made in supporting your child with learning at home which we know has been challenging. We are really proud of the way that children have adapted to learning in a totally different way and continued to do their best with their school work.

As you know the government has asked schools to provide testing to pupils as they return to school and in the following two weeks. Testing not only helps keep pupils and staff in school safe but also helps us keep your families and the wider community safe as well. Knowsley has had high case numbers during this wave of the pandemic and our thoughts are with our families who have lost loved ones during this time. It is good to see numbers of new cases reducing and as a school we want to play our part in reducing the spread in our community.

The government has asked schools to encourage pupils and staff to wear face masks for the three weeks up to Easter when in classrooms and moving around the school building, they do not have to be worn for PE and outdoors at break and lunchtime. This guidance will be reviewed during the Easter break. Masks are an added measure which will help stop transmission and we would ask you to support the wearing of masks in the building so that we can do all we can to keep each other safe and keep children learning in school. We will continue to ensure children wash or sanitise their hands and maintain as much social distance as is possible. Please remind your children that this is still important. We are making no changes to our staggered start times and children will continue to work in year group bubbles.

I am really pleased that the majority of our pupils have signed up for testing in school, we have been testing staff and pupils who have been in school since January and are now scaling up our test centre to accommodate the large numbers. Our test centre is staffed by volunteers from our own staff so your child will know the people in the test centre. Children will be guided by them to self-swab so that they become confident to carry out their own test from home. Home tests kits will be given to those that have consented in the coming weeks. After the initial testing we will be asking pupils to self-test twice a week and report results to us, more details about how to do this will be sent out with the kits.

Testing is for people without symptoms, and it is important if your child has symptoms that they do not attend school but book a test through the NHS test centres.

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In order for us to test pupils before they return we have had to organise testing as set out below. Once your child has had their test they will need to return home and isolate, their results will be sent to you from NHS England either by email and/or text message on the day of test. Please ensure your child arrives for their testing appointment at their allocated time below and follow the signage to direct them to the testing site.

Day	Year / Form	Time
Monday 8th March	Year 7: SDA/ KGR/ BIW	9 – 10
	Year 7: GRO / CBO / AAR	10 – 11
	Year 7: MFL / JFL	11 - 12
	Year 11: AB / DC / JLA	1 – 2
	Year 11: KWE / JWO	2 - 3
Tuesday 9th March	Year 9: CFA / DPA / LS	9 – 10
	Year 9: FS / JLE	10 – 11
	Year 9: KKA / MC	11 - 12
	Year 10: AMA / CC / JCW / LB	1 – 2
	Year 10: CH / EBJ / MM / SJ	2 - 3
Wednesday 10th March	Year 8: KWY / DA / JG	9 – 10
	Year 8: LAC / NT / PW	10 - 11
	Year 8: STO / WY	11 - 12
Thursday, 11th March <i>(Students will be taken from lessons)</i>	Year 7: SDA/ KGR/ BIW	9 – 10
	Year 7: GRO / CBO / AAR	10 – 11
	Year 7: MFL / JFL	11 - 12
	Year 11: AB / DC / JLA	1 – 2
	Year 11: KWE / JWO	2 - 3
Friday, 12th March <i>(Students will be taken from lessons)</i>	Year 9: CFA / DPA / LS	9 – 10
	Year 9: FS / JLE	10 – 11
	Year 9: KKA / MC	11 - 12
	Year 10: AMA / CC / JCW / LB	1 – 2
	Year 10: CH / EBJ / MM / SJ	2 – 3
w/b 15th March	To be Advised	

I look forward to seeing all of our children back in school on the 11th March and welcome them back into our classrooms. Please encourage them to follow the rules of hands, face, space to keep everyone safe and keep school running without further disruption.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A L Kennedy
Head of School



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