

24 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well.

Following the recent government announcement on the re-opening of schools in England we are delighted to be able to welcome back all our students as follows:

**Monday 8 March**      **Years 9, 10 and 11**  
**Tuesday 9 March**   **Years 7 and 8.**

It is important to remember that should anyone in your household display symptoms for COVID-19 you **must not** come into school and seek medical advice. Please ensure your child has a face mask, as these will be worn by staff and students in communal areas and classrooms and will be reviewed at Easter.

As part of this return we are required to administer 3 lateral flow device (LFD) tests to all students. Following these 3 tests we will be supplying testing kits for all students to carry out testing at home.

**1. Does my child need to have a LFD test?**

Testing is not mandatory, however, in the interest of public health and breaking the COVID-19 chain of transmission we would strongly recommend that all students attending school participate in this testing process.

**2. How can I consent?**

It is important that parents and carers provide consent before testing takes place; to do this please complete the link which will be sent to you shortly.

**3. Where will the testing take place?**

Testing will take place in school where we have three separate test sites operated by trained members of staff.

**4. Who will administer the LFD test?**

Students will self-administer their test with the guidance and support of trained staff should they require it.

**5. How will I be notified of my child's LFD test result?**

Prior to the test taking place students will register your mobile number with NHS Test and Trace and the results will go directly to your mobile phone. Please would you ensure your details are up to date.

**6. What if my child receives a positive test result?**

If a student returns a positive result we would ask parents to follow the current government guidance which presently is a PCR test and a 10 day self-isolation period for both the student and anybody in the students close contact group.

As we eagerly await the return of our students to the classroom I would like to take this opportunity to thank you. The support that we mutually share in St. Michael's is at the heart of our relationship of trust, thank you once again for your continued partnership.

Yours sincerely,



**Helen Keough**  
Headteacher