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Dear Parents & Carers

**Full-time return of all students to school for the week beginning:  
8th March 2021**

Firstly, I hope that you and your family are well and safe.

Returning to school is vital for children's education and well-being and we are delighted to be welcoming students back. In line with government guidance, Wreake Valley Academy will begin to re-open the school to all students, in all year groups on a daily basis from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

**Testing**

To increase the safety of students and staff and to reduce the risk of transmission within school, the government requires schools to offer Lateral Flow Tests to all students and staff before they return to lessons. School staff will lead the testing, supported by volunteers who have been through a rigorous application process and safety checks. All staff and volunteers have completed required training and gained the appropriate certification. To date we have completed over 450 tests on both students and staff. This has been received very positively and has resulted in a greater sense of security and safety within school.

Although testing is voluntary, in a bid to maintain a safe environment, we would like to test as many students as possible. If you haven't already done so, please may I urge you to complete the online consent form by **3pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021** using the link below. We need the information by this time to organise appointment times and register tests.

[Here is the link to the \*\*Consent Form for Lateral Flow Testing\*\*](#)

Students will be offered their initial test in the week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Due to numbers being tested, it is necessary to stagger the testing of students and their return to lessons. This will be carried out over the week for Years 7 through to Year 13. The table below shows how this will take place for Years 7 through to Year 11;



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<b>Testing Days and Returning to school dates for each Year group</b>					
	<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>
<b>8.45am – 9.15am</b>	11Abo	10DC	7SEr	9MG	8CC
<b>9.15am – 9.45am</b>	11JBr	10TC	7Kho	9MSh	8BL
<b>9.45am – 10.15am</b>	11TF	10LMo	7SMm	9LMy	8MRe
<b>10.45am-11.15am</b>	11CJ	10KPo	7LPr	9PGv	8SMa
<b>11.15am – 11.45am</b>	11NRa	10AWr	7SWa	9FS	
<b>Return to school (Dates for all students in each year group)</b>		All of Year 11 return to school at 8.45am	All of Year 10 return to school at 8.45am	All of Year 7 return to school at 8.45am	All of Year 9 return to school at 8.45am  All of Year 8 group will remain on site after testing. Those students who are not taking an LFT will come into school at 12.40pm

Please note that for Years 7, 9, 10 & 11 students will come to school for a test on the day before they return to school and then go home once the test has been done. For Year 8, students will come to school for their test and remain in school for the rest of the day after the tests are completed. Please refer to the table above for your child's date & time slot. Students from all years will complete a second test whilst they are in school the following week.

Students who do not have consent for Lateral Flow Testing should remain at home on the testing day and return to school for lessons with the rest of their year group the following day. If your child is in Year 8 then they should come into school at 12.40pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March to join the rest of their year group.

Online work will continue to be set for those days that students are not present in school.

Any individuals who receive a positive test result will need to self-isolate according to government guidelines. We will contact parents where this is the case.

### **Safety protocols and mask wearing in school**

Our safety protocols and systems in school will remain as they were in the autumn term. The school day will be condensed slightly to allow for thorough cleaning of the school and a daily testing slot between 2.30pm and 3pm where any member of the school staff can request a Lateral Flow Test.

Students will have a staggered finish to the day as follows:

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>School Finish Time</b>
Year 7 & 8	2.15pm
Year 9	2.20pm
Year 10 & 11	2.25pm
Bradgate Sixth Form	2.30pm

Whereas previously the government guidance required students to wear a face mask when moving around inside school but not in classrooms, the updated expectation is that students will now be required to also wear face masks in the classroom for the duration of the lesson. We appreciate that some students may find this uncomfortable and difficult and we will take a supportive approach in these situations.

Students who are exempt from wearing a face mask for medical reasons will not be required to do so. If this is the case, and we are not already aware, please may I request that parents contact us and provide the required evidence. Please send these details to [admin@wreake.bepschools.org](mailto:admin@wreake.bepschools.org) with your child's name and tutor group marked for the attention of the Head of Year.

#### **Provision for children of critical workers and invited students**

Our provision for children of critical workers and invited students will end on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of March to allow for a natural break before the full-time return of all students.

#### **Catering**

Students will be required to bring a packed lunch & drink as there will not be any catering provision up until the Easter break. We hope to be able to offer a full service after Easter. Packed lunches will be provided for Free School Meal students.

#### **Buses**

The Village bus and the Birstall, Rothley, Mountsorrel & Sileby bus will recommence their service from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Details will be sent out to parents separately regarding the payment schedule.

Yours sincerely  
Tim Marston  
Headteacher