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Further details on the wider reopening of schools

Dear parents and carers,

In summary, this message covers:

- Overview of plans for week beginning 8th March.
- Rapid Lateral Flow Testing.
- Use of face coverings.
- Transport to and from school.

I hope that this letter finds you and your families well.

Further to my message from last Friday, please find below additional information regarding the wider reopening of schools next week. Preparations are continuing in order to facilitate an appropriate welcome back to all our students and I felt it would be useful to provide an overview timetable for next week for your reference:

	(Years 12-14)	(Years 10&11)	(Years 7-9)	Lateral Flow Testing
Monday, 8th March	Remote learning	Remote learning	Remote learning	Years 11, 13 and 14
Tuesday, 9th March				Years 10 and 12
Wednesday, 10th March				Years 7 and 8
Thursday, 11th March				In-school lessons begin Period 3
Friday, 12th March	In-school lessons continue Period 3	In school	Return to school 8:45am	2 nd tests continue

In addition, students who are currently accessing the vulnerable learner/critical worker provision should continue to attend on their timetabled days until their year group returns.

In partnership with Simon Langton  Grammar School for Boys to provide a grammar school band for boys and girls in a comprehensive school for all the talents

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Plans for the administration of mass Rapid Lateral Flow Testing continue. Many thanks to those of you who have already booked a slot for your child/children using the online booking system. As mentioned in my previous message, this testing is voluntary but participation is “strongly encouraged” by the Government.

To book your child’s in-school test, please use the correct link below:

Year 12 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-canterbury-academy-student-testing-tuesday-9th-march-tickets-143322025035>

Year 13 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-canterbury-academy-student-testing-monday-8th-march-tickets-143331216527>

After booking your child’s test, please also complete the online consent form by following this link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TxWpPkWAgE264qMS1YZuE7GWFq4M_DVB_oXbBeA1xPjVURFZLTVhJV1IDMFgyU0lZWlVZRklROFRJSy4u

I am very conscious that the return to school is a potentially challenging time for our students and families. The breadth of experience over the past two months has been vast and we hope that all of our students will be excited to return to us. Equally, some students may be understandably anxious. In order to offer support and reassurance, our pastoral team will be contacting students to discuss our plans and check-in with our families.

One of the most recent changes is the use of face coverings in school. If you wish, you can view the full guidance using the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/964351/Schools_coronavirus_operational_guidance.pdf

In summary, the Government’s guidance regarding face coverings is as follows:

‘Where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, we recommend that face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. Face coverings do not need to be worn by pupils when outdoors on the premises.

In addition, we now also recommend in those schools, that face coverings should be worn in classrooms or during activities unless social distancing can be maintained. This does not apply in situations where wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE lessons.

We are taking this additional precautionary measure for a limited time during this period of high coronavirus (COVID-19) prevalence in the community. These measures will be in place until Easter. As with all measures, we will keep it under review and update guidance at that point.

Face visors or shields should not be worn as an alternative to face coverings. They may protect against droplet spread in specific circumstances but are unlikely to be effective in reducing aerosol transmission when used without an additional face covering.'

Whilst we have a small stock of disposable masks available in school, please endeavour to send your child to school with their own reusable face covering each day. I am aware that some students are exempt from wearing face coverings. If this applies to your child, please ask your child to discuss it with Julie Evans in the Sixth Form Student Reception before their first lesson so that she can provide them with an exemption pass. I will then ensure staff are aware of all those who are exempt.

I have gained the following information from the Stagecoach bus company regarding public transport for students returning to school:

Following government announcements on the roadmap out of lockdown and plans to gradually restore greater normality to everyday lives, we're making plans to get more services back on the road, including school services from 8th March.

Please continue to check our [latest timetables page](#) for more information.

Let's keep working together to make travel as safe as possible. We're still doing enhanced cleaning and limiting available seats. You can help by avoiding busy times, using contactless payment where you can, keeping your distance and taking your litter with you.

You must wear a face covering throughout your journey, unless you are exempt.

Please do contact me if you have any concerns about your child's journey to school.

Please accept my apologies for the lengthy message, but I hope you can appreciate the need to share a range of pertinent information with you.

I look forward to seeing our students, your children, back with us in person next week.

With very best wishes and my sincerest thanks for your continued support,

Lucy Winslow
Head of Sixth Form