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## COVID 19 Update - wider reopening of schools

Dear parents and carers,

In summary, this message covers:

- Overview of plans for week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- Rapid Lateral Flow Testing.
- Screen-free afternoon on 5<sup>th</sup> March.
- Ethos team support for return to school.
- Uniform expectations.
- Use of face coverings.
- Transport to and from school.

We hope that our letter finds you and your families well.

Further to our 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 we felt it would be useful to provide an overview timetable for next week for your reference:

	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Form (Years 12-14)</b>	<b>Senior School (Years 10&amp;11)</b>	<b>Middle School (Years 7-9)</b>	<b>Lateral Flow Testing</b>
<b>Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Remote learning	Remote learning	Remote learning	Years 11, 13 and 14
<b>Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>				Years 10 and 12
<b>Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>				Years 7 and 8
<b>Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	In-school lessons begin Period 3	Return to school 8:45am		Year 9 Begin 2 <sup>nd</sup> tests
<b>Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	In-school lessons begin Period 3	In school	Return to school 8:45am	2 <sup>nd</sup> tests continue

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

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 our previous message, this testing is voluntary but participation is “strongly encouraged” by the Government. Please remember to book your child’s test by accessing the link correct link below:

*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*

City View Pre School & Nursery

City View, Franklyn Road  
 Canterbury CT2 8PT

Tel: 01227 784694

The Canterbury Primary School

City View, Franklyn Road  
 Canterbury CT2 8PT

Tel: 01227 462883  
 Fax: 01227 769270

The Canterbury High School

Knight Avenue  
 Canterbury CT2 8QA

Tel: 01227 463971  
 Tel: 01227 464872 (Student Line)

The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form

Knight Avenue  
 Canterbury CT2 8QA

Tel: 01227 463971

The Enterprise & Employability College

Knight Avenue  
 Canterbury CT2 8QA

Tel: 01227 463971

The Youth & Community Service

Knight Avenue  
 Canterbury CT2 8QA

Tel: 01227 463791

Years 7 and 8 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-canterbury-academy-student-testing-wednesday-10th-march-tickets-143332026951>

Year 9 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-canterbury-academy-student-testing-thursday-11th-march-tickets-143333974777>

Year 10 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-canterbury-academy-student-testing-tuesday-9th-march-tickets-143322025035>

Year 11 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-canterbury-academy-student-testing-monday-8th-march-tickets-143331216527>

After booking your child's test, if you choose to do so, please also complete the online consent form by following this link:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TxWpPkWAgE264qMS1YZuE7GWFq4M\\_DVBoXbBeA1xPjVU RFZLVhJV1IDMFgyU0IZWIVZRkiROFRJSy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TxWpPkWAgE264qMS1YZuE7GWFq4M_DVBoXbBeA1xPjVU RFZLVhJV1IDMFgyU0IZWIVZRkiROFRJSy4u)

As our current phase of remote learning draws near its conclusion, and in response to valuable feedback from our students, parents and staff, we have chosen to give all our Year 7-11 students a screen-free afternoon from 1:00pm on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. We will be sending a list of suggested tasks that students can complete during this time and we hope they enjoy some of these recommended activities from our different Pillars of Excellence. Details will be shared with students during the week on our remote learning platform Show My Homework.

We are 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 Support Managers and members of our wider ethos team are currently calling all our Year 7-11 students to discuss our plans and check-in with our families. Please bear with them as they work their way alphabetically through their cohorts.

One topic of conversation during these calls is school uniform and PE kit, which we expect to be worn fully (including pleated skirts for those who choose to wear a skirt) upon your child's return to school. If you are unsure of our uniform expectations, please check these on our website <https://www.canterbury.kent.sch.uk/canterbury-academy/uniform/>.

We understand that some of our students may have outgrown uniform/PE kit items and are concerned about being challenged about this on their return. If your child has an issue with uniform/PE kit, including footwear and you would like financial support with purchasing replacement items, please complete this short form to give us the details of what is required:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TxWpPkWAgE264qMS1YZuE6H5XTUXz01IrEHFEiyEVQdUQkdVV0o3WEVUTzU3S1hDMLhSR0FETERPRS4u> Our ethos team will then contact you directly to arrange help.

In addition, our ethos team will discuss the Government guidance regarding the use of face coverings. 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](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 (which would be children who were aged 11 on 31 August 2020) 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. We are aware that some of our students are exempt from wearing face coverings. If this applies to your child, please discuss it with their Support Manager during your phone call so that we can provide them with an exemption pass. We will then ensure staff are aware of all those who are exempt.

We 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 us if you have any concerns about your child's journey to school.

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

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

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

Angela Banbery  
Head of Middle School

James Brooke  
Head of Senior School