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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the milder weather, long may it continues!

Firstly, I would like to start this letter with a plea, if you have not already completed the testing permission form, please can you take a moment to answer the questions. It will take no longer than a minute or so but is vital information required for our planned return. **All parents of all year groups need to access this form and complete it.** If you haven't already, please access it here: [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Jta5u-xrUkyABXCpN0BmKd7F\\_9l\\_CfJPjcTT\\_2lo3ltUMFNBUTIQMEkyM0RHRzYzTExRTkxHWllaQy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Jta5u-xrUkyABXCpN0BmKd7F_9l_CfJPjcTT_2lo3ltUMFNBUTIQMEkyM0RHRzYzTExRTkxHWllaQy4u)

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, the tests will run from 9am to 3pm daily. There will need to be a rota in order to efficiently get the students tested and then into class, following a negative result of the test. Should the test be positive, calls will be made and the student will return home to isolate as per Government guidance.

The Government have requested that Secondary pupils are tested three times over a two-week period. Initially students will NOT be in school until they have had their first test. Once a negative result has been received, students will then enter the main school for lessons. The plan for TEST 1 is shown below, although further information with timings will be sent later this week.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Year 11 and 13 (All other year groups remote learning)  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Year 10 and 12 (Year 7/8/9 remote learning)  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Year 8 and 9 (Year 7 remote learning)  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Year 7

As you can imagine, this is a complex exercise and time slots will be given out within the next few days. Students will remain working remotely until their time has arrived for testing. Within the next few days I will get exact time slots for each set and year group to you. Please bear with us whilst we are working through this.

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March, there will be a 'preparation/no screen day' where students will start the day with an assembly and then spend time off screen and prepare themselves for coming back to school.

Once we start to return and work through these tests, well-being will be our absolute priority and staff will be focused on bringing our school community back together again and communicating in person again. Well-being will take precedence during the first two weeks back.

Whilst we have very high standards in relation to uniform, and would like to see all boys in full uniform, we do understand that this may be difficult for some students. Please contact us if there is a problem with uniform, we will try our best to help and support you.

We appreciate many students and parents are anxious about the return to school. This is completely understandable due to the unrepresented times we have all been faced with. We will work with all of our families, should you need our support. Please contact us if you are worried.

My very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Bridger', written in a cursive style.

**Mrs S Bridger**  
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