



Herne Bay High School

23rd February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Full re opening of school March 2021

Welcome to the first of many communications of this busy term. As we write to you over the coming days and weeks, I urge that you digest the contents of each letter fully and consequently support a smooth and safe return to school for your sons and daughters.

As you will be aware from the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday 22nd February, schools have been instructed to start welcoming back students for face to face teaching from 8th March. However, to enable a safe return and to undertake testing, the government has suggested that schools can phase the return. As such, not all year groups will be starting at the same time.

Please see below for the date your child will be invited into school for a lateral flow test and the date they should be returning to school for face to face teaching. The first column in blue shows when the child will be required to attend for a Lateral Flow Test **ONLY**, they will then return home on that day. The second column in green gives the first full day of return to face to face teaching for each year group.

Please note that up until the point that your child returns to school, they must continue to attend all their online mentor times and lessons as just as they have been doing since Christmas:

Year Group	Date of Lateral Flow Test (just in school for test) – <u>you will receive an invite letter with full details</u> <u>Please use car park 4 and Arena entrance or the Pedestrian entrance</u>	<u>Return to school date and details of where to come on your first full day of teaching.</u>	
7	Wednesday 10 th March	Thursday 11 th March	Students to arrive between 0830-0840 and enter school via Gate 1 (the Bungalow gate)
8	Wednesday 10 th March	Thursday 11 th March	Students to arrive between 0830-0840 and enter school via Gate 2 (the Delivery gate)
9	Tuesday 9 th March	Wednesday 10 th March	Students to arrive between 0840-0850 and enter school via Gate 3 (the Stillwater Park crossing gate)
10	Tuesday 9 th March	Wednesday 10 th March	Students to arrive between 0840-0850 and enter school via Gate 1 (the Bungalow gate)
11	Monday 8 th March	Tuesday 9 th March	Students to arrive between 0830-0840 and enter school via Gate 3 (the Stillwater Park crossing gate)
12	Thursday 11 th March	Monday 15 th March Students to arrive before 0830	March 8 th to 12 th "Virtual Week"
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Asymptomatic Testing for students for COVID19 prior to their return to school

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister has asked schools to offer parents/carers the opportunity to have their children undertake **ONE** Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test **prior** to them returning to school and then two subsequent tests during the first two weeks whilst students are in school. Provisional dates for these are below. This will minimise the risks of COVID19 spreading when schools fully open.

LFD Testing Schedule – March 2021	
Monday 8th March – Year 11 & 13 (Test 1)	Monday 15th March – Year 7 & 8 (Test 2)
Tuesday 9th March – Year 9 & 10 (Test 1)	Tuesday 16th March - Year 11, 13 (Test 3) & Year 12 (Test 2)
Wednesday 10th March – Year 7 & 8 (Test 1)	Wednesday 17th March - Year 9 & 10 (Test 3)
Thursday 11th March – Year 11 & 13 (Test 2) & Year 12 (Test 1)	Thursday 18th March – Year 7 & 8 (Test 3)
Friday 12th March – Year 9, 10 (Test 2)	Friday 19th March - Year 12 (Test 3)

- Please note that these are the planned dates for the 2nd/3rd tests but may be subject to change.

Gaining consent to be tested (IMPORTANT)

Having a lateral flow test prior to return to school is a key part of the government drive to ensure schools are safe. Identifying children who are COVID-19 positive and show no symptoms can drastically reduce the chance of having to isolate, and as such we really encourage everyone to consent to being tested.

If you have not consented or not received the link to the consent form, please contact Mrs Molloy at k.molloy@hernebayhigh.org

I hope you are as excited as we are to get students back to school and we look forward to welcoming them all back safely and securely.

With kind regards,

Mr J Boyes
Principal

Should you have any questions relating to the asymptomatic testing of students, we have compiled an FAQ sheet which is available on our website at the following link:

<https://www.hernebayhigh.org/assets/Documents/Frequently-Asked-Questions-FAQ-about-asymptomatic-testing-in-schools.pdf>