

Tuesday 2nd March 2021

Dear Parents,

We are delighted that students will return to school across the country next week and are looking forward to welcoming your child back to Haverstock. Below are the details of the arrangements for the return and the COVID secure adaptations as a result of updated Government guidance.

Return

The return of students to the site will staggered next week as below:

Monday 8th March: Year 11 and Year 13

Tuesday 9th March: Year 10

Wednesday 10th March: Year 7 and Year 12

Thursday 11th March: Year 8

Friday 12th March: Year 9

Students who have not yet returned to the site will access their complete curriculum remotely with live lessons taught by their teachers, as they are currently.

All students are expected to attend all lessons next week.

A reminder to please not send your child to school if they or anyone in your household has tested positive for COVID. If your child tests positive, they and your household will need to isolate for 10 days.

Lateral Flow Testing

All in the school community will be offered an asymptomatic Lateral Flow Test before mixing with others and two further tests every five days. As the Camden pilot school, we have been running testing efficiently and effectively since mid-December. Students in Years 7-11 require parent consent, which we strongly urge you to agree to so that we can make the site as safe as possible. Further details and 'Frequently Asked Questions' are at the bottom of this letter. To give consent, please complete this short [consent form](#).

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If you do not wish for your child(ren) to be tested, please email office@haverstock.camden.sch.uk to let us know

If you provided consent previously, you do not need to repeat this process. After the three initial tests have been carried out, we will supply you with home test kits - we will provide you with more details of these later.

Time of arrival

To facilitate asymptomatic Lateral Flow Testing before returning to class, students should arrive at the allocated time for their tutor group through **Reception**. As before, students should come in their full school uniform unless they have PE, in which case they should wear their PE kit. We will provide details separately to Sixth Form students.

	8.30	8.50	9.10	9.30	9.50	10.10	10.30	11.30	11.50	12.10
Mon 8th	11H	11A	11V	11E	11R	11S	11T	13H 13A	13V 13E	13R
Tues 9th	10H	10A	10V	10R	10S					
Weds 10th	7H	7A	7V	7R	7S	7T		12H 12A	12V 12E	12R 12S 12T
Thurs 11th	8H	8A	8V	8R	8S					
Fri 12	9H	9A	9V	9R	9S					

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Once students have returned to class, they will arrive at and leave school at the same times as during the Autumn Term as below:

	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Arrival	08:30	08:30	08:45	08:45	09:00	09:00	09:00
Exit (Mon - Thurs)	14:55	14:55	15:10	15:10	15:00	14:55	15:00
Exit (Friday)	13:00	13:00	13:15	13:15	13:10	13:10	

New COVID Secure measures.

In line with updated government guidance, the following changes will be made from Monday 8th March.

- Face coverings will be compulsory for students when indoors, **including in classrooms**, unless they are exempt. Because of the huge difficulties with communication that this will present, the government has promised to review this decision before the Easter holiday. We have updated the Haverstock Way to reflect these changes.
- In relation to this, we therefore recommend that students bring a spare face covering to wear after PE lessons.
- Supervised handwashing will now happen twice per day. Previously, students carried this out three times per day. To ensure we retain good hand hygiene we will add an additional time when students will hand sanitise.
- We are finalising an updated Risk Assessment which will be able to view on the school website from Noon on Friday.

All other aspects of our approach remain as they were in the Autumn Term - the Risk Assessment contains further details. I would like to draw your attention to two points:

- We are updating individual separate risk assessments for students who are extremely clinically vulnerable. If you have a child in this category and we have not already been in touch with you by Thursday 5th March, please contact us as soon as possible so that a risk assessment can be arranged.
- Students will be reminded of the importance of travelling to and from school in as secure a way as possible – w would appreciate parents reiterating the importance of not mixing outside of bubbles and avoiding public transport wherever possible.

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Finally, we appreciate that the return to school is about more than Health and Safety. It's about ensuring that we move forward positively and purposefully after the school closure. We understand that you and your child may be feeling nervous about the return so please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. We'll of course do everything that we can to warmly welcome them back and settle back into the rhythms and routines of school life. We'll be in touch later about our plans to utilise government 'catch up' funding to benefit your children in the coming months.

Yours faithfully



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Lateral flow testing at Haverstock School 'Frequently Asked Questions'

How do I book a Lateral Flow test for my child?

Please complete the [consent form](#).

Why should I book a test for my child?

Lateral Flow Testing is being rolled out by the Department for Health and Social Care to help find asymptomatic cases of COVID-19. Finding people who have the virus, but are displaying no symptoms, and ensuring they and their household self-isolate, is vital to help stop the spread of the virus.

By engaging as many staff and pupils at Haverstock School as possible in this testing programme, we can significantly reduce the spread of the virus within our school and the wider local community. By breaking these chains of transmission, we can help protect families and friends, particularly those who may be most vulnerable to the worst impacts of the virus. It will also help keep our school open.

How accurate is the Lateral Flow Test?

Lateral Flow Tests have been shown to be good at detecting most cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in people who have the virus but do not have any COVID-19 symptoms. This helps people who do not know they have COVID-19 from unintentionally spreading the disease to friends, family and others. About 70% of people who have COVID-19 but do not have symptoms will have the virus detected with the Lateral Flow Test.

If my child has already had the virus, should they still be tested?

Yes. Your child should still be tested. There is growing evidence that people who have had the virus don't necessarily have long-term immunity and may be able to get the virus again. This means that even if your child has already had the virus, taking part in this testing would still be of benefit to preventing spread of the COVID-19.

If my child is self-isolating, should they still come into school for a test?

No. They should not come to the testing. They should continue to self-isolate for the time they have been advised. The lateral flow testing sites are strictly for individuals not currently displaying symptoms of COVID-19.

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How will the tests be conducted?

Students will complete the test themselves with the support of a trained technician.

The test procedure involves taking a swab of secretions from the back of the throat (by the tonsils) and one nostril. This takes about 45 seconds in total. This swab is then placed in a solution for 10 seconds and mixed thoroughly, before two drops are placed in the Lateral Flow Device (LFD) and the test-time starts. A positive or negative result is displayed within 30 minutes. Whilst the swabbing process is uncomfortable, it is not painful.

How will I receive my child's test result?

The result will be negative (no COVID-19 found), positive (the child has COVID-19 infection), or 'void' (if the test process has not completed successfully). If the test is 'void' your child will be offered another opportunity for a repeat test.

If the test is negative it means that your child is very unlikely to have Covid-19 at the time of the test. They should continue to follow the public health recommendations as before around face masks, social distancing and thorough regular handwashing, as this test result relates to whether they may be infectious only on that day. If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19, they should book a test as usual via www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119 and self-isolate.

If the test is positive, we will inform you and your child and will not share this information with other students. Your child and all household members must self-isolate immediately and follow the national guidelines and self-isolate for ten days.

Where do students go on the day of testing?

To the school testing area in the Performance Hall

Do I tell the school if my child receives a positive test?

The consent process includes school getting information about positive results directly, so you

Will close contacts of those who have tested positive need to isolate?

Close contacts can continue to come to school so long as consent is given for daily LFT testing at school during the 10-day period when they would previously have been required to self-isolate.

Will staff be tested too?

All who work on the site will be tested weekly.

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