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We will still suspend live lessons this Friday. This enables us time to work with staff on site and prepare the school for the return of students as safely and smoothly as we can. It will also provide an opportunity for students to have some time to reflect and look forward to a return to full time face-to-face education. Students will be asked to undertake a 'learning reflection' task during Period 1, with the rest of the day dedicated to catch-up work, completing any outstanding assessments that have been set or complete tasks that can be done offline. Friday 5th is also a national 'screen free' day (sometimes known as 'Day of unplugging') and we are encouraging staff to set work that enables students to minimise their screen time that day. As with 'JOG Wellbeing Day', this is not a day off but it is a day where there is more flexibility for students to structure their day in a way to suit their needs best, before their return the following Monday.

Tuesday 9th March 2021

This day will run to normal timings and, assuming all goes well with the LFD testing the day before, all students will be expected to attend the school site, reporting to their tutor base for 8.45am. We will use some time during periods 1 and 2 to give students some time with their tutor group and to attend an assembly, briefing them on revised routines, safety measures and behaviour expectations. Please ensure your child/ren attend in **full school uniform** and are ready to learn.

Testing

As mentioned above, we are aiming to complete the first lateral flow test for all students on Monday 8th March. Tuesday 9th will be a reserve day in case unforeseen circumstances arise during Monday.

Each LFD test takes a few minutes and is relatively simple, if a little uncomfortable for some. Trained assistants and plenty of staff will be on hand to guide and reassure students throughout the process. The tests are conducted under supervision and administered by the child taking the test. All results are known to the school but communicated to the number/email address provided to us. We do not have any control over these communications. Any positive results will be handled sensitively, but in line with the usual public health guidance around isolation and track and trace.

DfE guidance issued last week makes it clear that students can return to face-to-face education following their first negative test result, which is now Tuesday 9th March in our case. The second and third tests we are required to conduct will be offered over the following 3 weeks during the school day. Further details about these will follow soon along with information about home testing kits. If you have not already given consent for your child/ren to take the test but are happy to do so, then please navigate to the 'forms' section on Weduc.

We understand that these changes may cause some inconvenience and I apologise if this is the case for you. However, with child and public safety always at the forefront of what we do, we will always look to follow guidance that puts children's welfare first.

We still intend to provide you with an additional letter containing more details and further information later this week, but in the meantime, please stay safe and do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



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