



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Headteacher – Ms E Ellis BA, MA

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the announcement from the government yesterday, I am writing to update you on the plans we are putting into place for the return to school by Fearnhill students. We are required to carry out Covid-19 lateral flow tests on every student three times before they can return to school, so we have planned to carry out this process on the following dates:

Friday 26th February

Tuesday 2nd March

Friday 5th March

All students will need to be tested on all three days.

We have received consent forms from most parents and carers but if you have not yet completed one, please follow this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IYiHZD7OPVtEiD48KOdgXpV6SA5nc5zWJ90-1FLDYn0/edit>

Carrying out the tests helps ensure we are all kept as safe as possible and we appreciate your support with this. Testing is not compulsory but it is in everyone's interest.

Students will be allocated a time slot to come to school for their tests on these days. You will receive an email confirming the time for your son/daughter over the next day or so. Once students have done the test, they should leave the site and return home. School uniform is not required for the testing. Online learning will be delivered in a slightly different format next week to support the testing process; full details will follow in my Wednesday update tomorrow. Students will be allocated time slots in their form groups, but siblings can attend together if that is easier for you to manage. Full social distancing and enhanced cleaning measures will be in place at the test site and students will be organised and supported by senior staff throughout. The test itself takes around five minutes to complete. On arrival, students should come to the sports hall entrance where they will be welcomed and supervised.

We intend for **Years 7, 11, 12 and 13 to return to school from Monday 8th March, and Years 8, 9 and 10 to return on Tuesday 9th March.** Full details will follow and there will be special assemblies online to help students to prepare for the return.

More information will follow; in the meantime, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

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