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Dear parents/carers

Following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday evening, the school is busy planning to open to all students during the week commencing 8th March.

The details of the announcements provide some flexibility during this first week to allow us to conduct lateral flow tests for all staff and students. You will be aware that the government wishes for all secondary school students and staff to do this regularly as part of our responsibility for the national campaign.

It is a condition for our safe return and big responsibility for each of us as individuals and towards each other. We know that it will help to keep us all safe and will minimise the chances of infection spreading in school and once again having to ask students to return to periods of self-isolation.

To help us with planning, we ask that all parents take a few moments to complete the testing consent form (<https://tinyurl.com/yvnsqubm>). We need this return immediately or at the very latest by the end of tomorrow to allow our effective planning. Students who are over the age of 16 must complete the consent form themselves and therefore you should ask your son/daughter to complete this using the above link.

After tomorrow's deadline I will be communicating with parents again to outline more detailed arrangements for the return of students. This will be staggered over the first week and begin with all those for whom we have consent to undertake tests.

Those students for whom we do not have consent will remain at home for the first part of the 'return week' and will continue to access their lessons through Teams as they have been doing.

Before completing the form, please refer to the [testing information on the COVID section of our website](#). Thank you to everyone who has already completed this; there is no need for you to resubmit the form if you have already completed it.

I will write further to update you with more details later this week.

Yours faithfully



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