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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Return to school plans & Lateral Flow Testing

We continue to look forward to teaching the girls face to face. We have missed seeing them.

It is good to see that infection rates in our local area have continued to fall to 138 per 100,000 residents. We will continue to follow all the current rules and practise 'Hands – Face – Space'. We expect the girls to carry their own sanitiser. It is very important that they wear their face covering and have a spare one in their bag. We recommend the cloth reusable ones.

All students will return to school on the week commencing 8th March. We will be staggering this return so we can complete lateral flow testing of all students before they return to the school site.

Years 11	<p>Testing: Students will be given a time on Thursday 4th March to report to school and carry out their lateral flow test. (Students may wear non-uniform for this test).</p> <p>Return to school: All students will return to school in full uniform at 8.30am on Monday 8th March for lessons. The Digital School will continue until this date.</p>
Years 12 & 13	<p>Testing: Students will be given a time on Friday 5th March to report to school and carry out their lateral flow test.</p> <p>Return to school: All students will return to school at 8.30am on Monday 8th March for lessons. The Digital School will continue until this date.</p>
Year 10	<p>Testing: Students will be given a time on Monday 8th March to report to school and carry out their lateral flow test. (Students may wear non-uniform for this test).</p> <p>Return to school: All students will return to school in full uniform at 8.40am on Tuesday 9th March for lessons. The Digital School will continue until this date.</p>
Year 9	<p>Testing: Students will be given a time on Tuesday 9th March to report to school and carry out their lateral flow test. (Students may wear non-uniform for this test).</p> <p>Return to school: All students will return to school in full uniform at 08:30on Wednesday 10th March for lessons. The Digital School will continue until this date.</p>



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Year 8	<p>Testing: Students will be given a time on Wednesday 10th March to report to school and carry out their lateral flow test. (Students may wear non-uniform for this test).</p> <p>Return to school: All students will return to school in full uniform at 08:30 on Thursday 11th March for lessons. The Digital School will continue until this date.</p>
Year 7	<p>Testing: Students will be given a time on Thursday 11th March to report to school and carry out their lateral flow test. (Students may wear non-uniform for this test).</p> <p>Return to school: All students will return to school in full uniform at 08:30 on Friday 12th March for lessons. The Digital School will continue until this date.</p>

Our onsite lateral flow testing programme has been up and running since early January and has been very successful in helping to keep staff and students Covid-free.

The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake and will be fully supervised by trained staff. Many of you will be familiar with these tests as they have been used for community testing in Harrow. Students take a swab of their throat and nose. Results take around half an hour from testing and the school will inform you if your child has a positive test result. After the initial test, students will be tested two further times on the school site during the following days and weeks. Thereafter, families will be provided with home testing kits (these will only be available for students who have completed the onsite testing).

Please do make sure you complete this consent form. The link is below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UnvL0sAmzkOTtEXr5NiKZY3XrUkrZNFbG17HyQCGWhURDBEQjIEQU9DU0RNMTRIMFdaRkExV09aWi4u>

Yours sincerely,



Dr Janice Howkins

Head teacher

Please note this testing programme does not change the advice if your child has any symptoms of Covid-19: DO NOT come into school and book a PCR test as soon as possible.

