

VJJ/KMC

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to update you on the plans for students returning to school and how the testing programme will be organised.

Year 13 students will return to school once they have had a COVID-19 test. These test will take place on the afternoon of Monday 8 March. Students should attend school for their test according to the schedule below.

- 13DNH 1pm
- 13JNJ 2pm

Once tested students will wait for their result and if their test is negative they will then be able to go home. This process will take about 40 minutes. Students who test negative will return to school full time as normal on Tuesday 9 March.

If the test comes back positive your child will be kept away from other children, we will phone you to explain what happens next and you will need to come and collect your child from school.

If you choose for your child not to be tested, then they should return to school at 8.30am on Tuesday 9 March

In line with the new national guidance students will have to wear face coverings in lessons as well as in all other areas of the building. If your child is medically exempt, you need to provide a letter to confirm this and this must be brought to school when students arrive on Monday.

When your child arrives at school they should go to the Sports Hall car park and they will be directed to the testing centre which is in the Sports Hall.

If you are unable to drop your child off at these times we do have some appointments for tests after school. Please email us at student.testing@caldew.cumbria.sch.uk and we will do our best to arrange a time that you can make.

Online learning will still be continuing for the Sixth Form on Monday.

Year 13 students will then be tested again twice 3-5 days apart and this means that students will be retested on:

- Friday 12 March
- Wednesday 17 March

Students will be taken out of lessons on these days for their test. After these tests have happened parents will be given test kits so that you can test your child at home. We do understand that some parents and carers may find this daunting and so we will have testing facilities available at school so that we can test your child for you. We will provide you with more details about this once students have returned to school.

Other year groups are being phased back into school across the week so that all students can be tested before they return to classrooms. The schedule for this is below

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Mon 8 March	Morning	Year 11
	Afternoon	Year 13
Tue 9 March	Morning	Year 10
	Afternoon	Year 12
Wed 10 March	Morning	Year 7
	Afternoon	Year 9
Thur 11 March	Afternoon	Year 8

This does mean that there may be some students from other year groups on school buses in the mornings who have not been tested. This means it is essential that students sit with their year group bubbles and wear face masks throughout the journey. They should stay 2m apart from others whenever this is possible. Please discuss the importance of this with your child.

I have attached a letter giving more details about the COVID-19 Lateral Flow test, the privacy notice and consent form. We cannot test students unless we receive the consent form. If you want to have your child tested please complete the attached form and return to student.testing@caldew.cumbria.sch.uk by 9am Thursday 4 March.

If you do not want to give consent for your child to have a COVID-19 Lateral Flow test, please can you also let us know by emailing the above email address.

Exam Grading

I am sure that you have heard in the press about the announcement from the Government about how student's exam grades will be awarded. This will be by a form of teacher assessment and the grades will be awarded based on a range of evidence including mock exams, coursework, class work and class tests. This evidence will come from the work and assessments that students have already done but also the work and assessment they will do when they return to school. With this in mind it is vital that student's attendance at school is high and that they try their best in all their lessons. We are waiting for more detailed guidance from the exam boards and I will keep you updated. If you would like to read the statement from the Secretary of State for Education, it can be found using the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/teacher-assessed-grades-for-students?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=2568affc-1ccd-40cf-af75-2e775650b1a2&utm_content=daily

We are really looking forward to getting our students back to school but I do know that some of you will be anxious about their return. I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that we will continue to have robust protective measures in place to protect the whole school community. I will write to you again next week with details of these protective measures.

Your sincerely



Vicki Jackson
Headteacher