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Dear Parent/Carer

Returning to school

Following the Prime Minister's announcements with regard to the "roadmap out of lockdown," we have been planning how we can meet government guidelines and welcome our pupils back to school in a safe and efficient manner.

Onsite provision for Key Worker children will continue and they should attend school as per the usual arrangements.

The government have stated, attendance is mandatory, so our usual attendance policy will be followed. As you will appreciate, we need to follow government directives and so, in addition to the safety measures we already have in place, there will be additional requirements:

- Pupils must wear a mask that covers the mouth and nose whilst in the school building **and in the classroom**. (masks can be purchased via their Head of Year or reception for £1).
- Pupils should bring spare masks with them.
- If a pupil is exempt they will be issued with a card, these can be collected from either Mrs Emerson or Mrs Hatton. This card can then be shown if challenged by a member of staff.

Please can I ask that you continue to set an example to your child by following the current national restrictions, such as the rules regarding social distancing and wearing a mask when necessary.

All pupils are required to return to school in full school uniform and, as always, we value your support in ensuring your child adheres to the uniform policy. As a reminder, before our return, could you ensure that your child has the correct school shoes (plain black leather), hairstyle and is free from items that are not permitted at school, such as false nails, inappropriate piercings (one plain gold or silver stud in the bottom of each earlobe is permitted) or jewellery. Pupils are no longer required to come into school in their PE kits and will now be able to use the changing rooms in school.

The government have instructed schools to provide 3 lateral flow tests before pupils will be allowed to test themselves at home. We will begin to invite pupils in to school for testing and once your child receives a negative result face to face learning can resume. The test programme is voluntary; however, **we strongly encourage everyone to take part** as we need to work together as a school community to allow the safe return for all. A consent form has already been shared with you and we request that you complete this, if you have not already done so.



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Any pupils who have tested positive in the last 90 days will not be required to undertake a test. This is due to the fact that the test will still identify positive, even though the virus is dead. **Please ensure that Mrs Ramsden (p.ramsden.bch@osborne.coop) is aware if your child has had Covid (and the date).**

In order to reduce disruption when the school starts to reopen on the 8th March, we are offering Years 10 to 13 their first test before this date. The table below shows when each year group will be tested together with timings. We request Year 10 to 13 pupils arrive close to their allocated time slot and go straight to the Sports Hall, adhering to social distancing guidelines. They do not need to wear school uniform but **must wear a face mask**. Pupils being dropped off and collected will be allowed to use their phones to arrange their pick-up when their test is complete. Please be aware, the process can take some time, especially the first one.

A hyperlink will be shared later this week which includes a **support video** demonstrating how pupils will register for their test and what the process of testing will look like at Brentwood County High.

<p>Thursday 4th March Testing of Year 11 and 13 students</p>	<p>There will be no on-line lessons on Thursday for Year 11 and 13 students. We are inviting them to come to school to enable us to begin the process of testing (1st test).</p> <p>11A1/A2 – 8.30 am 11C1/C2 – 9.15 am 11R1/R2 – 10.00 am 11S2/T1 – 10.45 am</p> <p>VI5 – 11.30 am VI6 – 12.00 pm VI7 – 12.30 pm</p>
<p>Friday 5th March Testing of Year 10 and 12 students</p>	<p>There will be no on-line lessons on Friday for Year 10 and 12 students. We are inviting them to come to school to enable us to begin the process of testing (1st test).</p> <p>10A1 – 8:30am 10C1 – 9:15am 10R1 – 10:00am 10S1 – 10:45am 10T1 – 11:30am 10Ma – 12:00pm</p> <p>VI1 - 9.30 AM VI2 - 10.30 AM VI3 - 11.30 AM</p>



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	VI4 - 12.30 PM
Monday 8th March Testing of Year 7, 11 and 13 students	<p>Due to testing having been completed for Years 10, 11, 12 and 13, these students are to attend school as normal with registration at 8.30 am.</p> <p>Year 7 students to attend school and go directly to their designated playground. Testing will begin at 8.30 am. Once a negative result is confirmed, students will go to their form classes and a normal school day will resume (1st test).</p> <p>Year 11 and Year 13 (2nd test) – these will be completed during the day by form class.</p>
Tuesday 9th March Testing of Year 8, 10 and 12	<p>Due to testing having been completed for Years 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13, these students are to attend school as normal with registration at 8.30 am.</p> <p>Year 8 students to attend school school and go directly to their designated playground. Testing will begin at 8.30 am. Once a negative result is confirmed, students will go to their form classes and a normal school day will resume (1st test).</p> <p>Year 10 and Year 12 (2nd test) – these will be completed during the day by form class.</p>
Wednesday 10th March Testing of Year 9	<p>Due to testing having been completed for Years 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13, these students are to attend school as normal with registration at 8.30 am.</p> <p>Year 9 students to attend school and go directly to their designated playground. Testing will begin at 8.30 am. Once a negative result is confirmed, students will go to their form classes and a normal school day will resume.</p>



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Thursday 11th March Testing of Years 7, 11 and 13	We welcome all students back to school. Year 7 (2 nd test)/Year 11 and Year 13 (3 rd test) – these will be completed during the day by form class.
Friday 12th March Testing of Years 8, 10 and 12	Year 8 (2 nd test)/Year 10 and Year 12 (2 nd test) – these will be completed during the day by form class.
Monday 15th March Testing of Years 7 and 9	Year 7 (3 rd test)/Year 9 (2 nd test) – these will be completed during the day by form class..
Tuesday 16th March Testing of Year 8	Year 8 (3 rd test) – these will be completed during the day by form class..
Thursday 18th March Testing of Year 9	Year 9 (3 rd test) – these will be completed during the day by form class..

If your child is showing any symptoms of Covid on their designated return date please do not send them in to school. Please book an independent test. We want to keep all our school community members safe and keep school open for all.

Upon return, if confirmation of a positive test is received from any member of our school community we are required to manage this case in the same way as before the latest lockdown. All close contacts will be identified and asked to self-isolate for a period of 10 days. The guidance from January which suggested pupils would be tested for seven consecutive days is no longer the case.

All pupils who receive a negative or who have not consented to testing should be in school to attend registration at 8.30 am on their designated return to school day. The start of the day timings will apply – they can arrive after 8am and should go straight to the year group playground as allocated to them last term.

We will send out further information about subsequent COVID tests at school and at home, and keep you informed of any further arrangements if guidance changes, or if we learn through experience of anything that needs adaptation or improvement.

We would like to thank you for your continued support through this challenging time. We appreciate the efforts you have made with home learning and we look forward to seeing our pupils again, teaching and supporting them in person. I am sure we all hope that what is beginning on the 8th March will be the irreversible process that the government hopes. To that end, we will continue to implement systems and practices that keep pupils and staff as safe as possible, while still providing effective learning and a positive school experience.



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If you would prefer your child to have an initial test at the community testing site prior to returning to school then this would mean that the initial lateral flow test would not need to be taken. The results should be e-mailed to Ms Rahman (p.rahman.bch@osborne.coop) and Mrs Ramsden (p.ramsden.bch@osborne.coop). We do feel that this could potentially reduce the risk of transmission of the virus via public and school transport, helps negate the need for students to travel to school for their initial test (Years 10 to 13) and take some of the pressure away from schools.

As we move into the phase of fully re opening the school to all students, please be reminded that we would ask parents to be considerate of the neighbours to the school when picking up students. The school site remains open before school allowing for the safe drop off of students in the morning, but this is not the case after school. Please do not park on the school drive as this then means that the school buses or any emergency vehicles cannot enter or exit the school site.

Please consider our neighbours when looking for somewhere to arrange to pick up your son or daughter. The Chase and Cornsland are both private roads neighbouring the school and as such you are unable to park there. This includes the small triangle by Cornsland which has double yellow lines. Our relationship with our neighbours is very important to us and as a community, we urge you to not park on the double yellow lines around the school and neighbouring roads.

To avoid disruption in Seven Arches road we would ask you to arrange to pick up somewhere away from the school that your child can walk to, King Georges playing field being one such example. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Thank you for your continued support and we are excited to welcome all students back.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Ryan
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