



Monday 1st March 2021

Dear Parent /Carer

I am pleased to be writing with information about how Scalby School will be reopening from Monday 8th March 2021. Staff have worked incredibly hard to plan and deliver high quality learning over the past 7 weeks. It is pleasing that the vast majority of students have engaged with remote learning, which has enabled them to continue making progress during this period of closure. Students will return from Monday 8th March 2021 in a way that allows us to manage the revised COVID testing arrangements, announced by the government last week.

Lateral Flow Testing

Rapid testing using Lateral Flow Devices (LFD)s helps to identify those who are infectious but do not have any coronavirus symptoms. Our testing centre is already established and has been testing staff and key worker and vulnerable children in school. If your child tests positive at school, they will need to self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance and you will be asked to collect them. Although testing is voluntary, to help break chains of transmission and manage the virus, we strongly encourage your child to take part. I'm very pleased to report that we have already had a superb response to parents providing consent for testing. If you haven't done so already, please complete the consent form on our school website.

In line with DfE guidance, testing and the return of students will be phased from 8th March to manage the numbers at the test site at any one time. We will offer students 3 tests, 3 to 5 days apart. Students will start back at school on the day shown below and attend face-to-face lessons as normal for the remainder of the half term. Students will be on a rota through the day where they will be requested to leave lesson and go to the Gym by SLT members. When students arrive at the Gym they will be briefed and undertake their first test. This should take approximately 5 minutes. Second tests will begin from Thursday 11th March. In order to facilitate this testing the return of students will be staggered by year group in the following way:

- **Year 11 – Monday 8th March onwards**
- **Year 9 & 10 – Tuesday 9th March onwards**
- **Year 7 & 8 – Wednesday 10th March onwards**

The provision for those students who are children of key workers or classed as vulnerable will remain unchanged on Monday and Tuesday.

Following the first 3 tests in school, students will be provided with 2 rapid tests to use each week at home. Results will then need to be reported to NHS Test and Trace, as well as providing Scalby with details of void or positive tests. More details will follow on this.

Remote Learning

Remote learning will continue to be posted on Google Classrooms on Monday 8th March and Tuesday 9th March for those students that have not returned to school. However, no live learning support will take place on these days.

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Transport

Students will continue to need to wear face coverings on school transport and public buses and to walk or cycle to school if possible. Students should sit in the same seats on school transport to minimise contact. If your child walks to school, please encourage them not to walk in groups, especially outside of their own year group.

Face Masks

Following the updated government guidance, face coverings will be expected in classrooms as well as in corridors and communal indoor areas. The wearing of face coverings in classrooms is being introduced for a limited time until Easter. Face masks will not need to be worn during strenuous activity, for example PE lessons or outdoors.

The vast majority of students have worn face masks correctly at all times. There is a very small minority of students who may be exempt due to a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability or where wearing a face covering causes severe distress. We will liaise with parents and support children where there is a genuine reason. To avoid any confusion, children will be asked to wear a lanyard if they are exempt.

Timetable

The timetable and bubbled year groups will remain unchanged from the Autumn term. We would expect these arrangements to continue until the end of this academic year. Staggered start and end times will remain the same for all year groups. A reminder of the start and finish times is below:

	Entrance	Start Time	Finish Time
7	Green Gates – Coach Park	8:10 – 8:20	14:25
8	Green Gates – Coach Park	8:20 – 8:30	14:30
9	ICT Car Park – ICT Entrance	8:10 – 8:20	14:25
10	Main Entrance	8:20 – 8:30	14:35
11	Main Entrance	8:10 – 8:20	14:30

Social distancing

Even within 'bubbles', students must still practice social distancing where possible. They must avoid physical contact; being close and face-to-face; and shouting close to others.

Uniform & Equipment

Scalby will return to our normal uniform policy which can be found on the website. Your child may wish to bring a personal hand sanitiser. If you are experiencing any financial pressures or have any issues with uniform, please get in touch.

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Self isolation & shielding

You should not send your child to school if they:

- have symptoms or live in a household with someone who has symptoms
- have tested positive themselves, even if they do not have symptoms
- live in a household with someone who has tested positive, even if that person does not have symptoms
- are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19)

It is very important that you tell us if your child is affected by one of these issues. If your child is unable to attend school for these reasons, we will provide remote education and pastoral support.

Attendance

From 8th March all children and students should return to school or college and attendance will be mandatory once again. Mandatory attendance means that it is your legal duty as a parent to send your child to school regularly. Unless your child is ill, any absence will be unauthorised.

Wellbeing and support

The overwhelming majority of children and young people still have no symptoms or only very mild illness when contracting COVID-19. However, I know you and your child may still be anxious or worried. If you have concerns, please get in touch. Remote learning will not continue but we can support and reassure you about the measures in place to reduce risk. The School's COVID-19 risk assessment is currently being update and will be posted on the school website by the end of the week.

Thank you for supporting us over the past few weeks by assisting your child's education at home. I very much look forward to seeing all our students and staff back in school.

Yours Faithfully



Mr M McCluskie
Headteacher