



12th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Full re-opening 8th March

I am writing to thank you all for the way your children have returned to school. They have settled back into our expected routines remarkably quickly and successfully; their high levels of engagement in lessons is a delight to see. It is so good to have a full school again, and I know from speaking to a number of you these last few days you share our enthusiasm for having the children back with us!

KS3 Lateral Flow Tests

You will be aware our KS3 pupils had their first Lateral Flow Tests last Sunday and their second during this week. All tests have been negative and that of course increases our confidence in having a safe and happy return of all pupils. Their 3rd test will take place this weekend and I would like to once again thank all parents of KS3 children who are helping us by having their child access a test in the community. This significantly eases the burden on our stretched school resources.

Extra-Curricular clubs

Our extra-curricular provision is an established strength of the school, and it has been wonderful to see so many children playing sport in the rain this week! We will be running an increasing amount of clubs (sporting and non-sporting) as the term progresses. We fully appreciate how important this aspect of school life is to our children and we are keen to fully engage as many pupils as we can during lunchtimes and after school.

Details of the PE clubs are on the TV screens in school and have been posted on the website. Please encourage your child to attend these and other clubs wherever possible.

Parents' evenings

At the end of March, we would usually hold parent consultation evenings to discuss your child's progress in school. In the current circumstances, we do not believe that we would be able to give you any more information than you have received on their interim report. For that reason, we have decided to defer the planned parents' evenings until the summer term. We expect to receive further guidance from Government as to whether or not we can arrange face to face parents' consultations in the near future.

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We will inform you of the new dates once they are confirmed, but if you have any concerns, we would urge you to contact the appropriate colleague at school to discuss them, rather than wait for those evenings.

All staff contact details are on the website.

I am conscious that our Year 8 children will soon be making their options choices for next year. We are working very closely with the High School to ensure they (and you!) receive every support and all the necessary information to enable them to make the appropriate choices.

Guide Dogs

I wrote to you recently explaining that our Year 8 Ambassadors were developing some fund raising ideas for our chosen charity, Guide Dogs for the Blind. Two of our senior pupils, (Willow and Ruby) will be communicating details of their ideas in the very near future.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P J Bowers', with a horizontal line underneath.

P J Bowers
Headteacher