

# The **Market Weighton** Expect More - Achieve More School



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## Dear Parents / Carers

## **Plans for the return of all students to school from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

As you are aware secondary schools have been asked to provide rapid COVID-19 testing for all students before they return to lessons in school. In order to facilitate this we need to bring the students back in small groups. Students need to be tested and get their result before they can join classes in school. I have already sent out details of the testing process and consent forms which need to be completed and returned to school. We need a completed form for each child, we cannot accept verbal consent or simple e-mail messages.

I hope that all students will be able to take part in the testing programme as it has proved successful in the weeks it has been operating in school with staff and those students who have continued to attend.

The students who have attended throughout the lockdown should continue to do so during the phased return week. They will join the rest of their year group on the day that they return to school. We will be returning to the split break day structure for all students from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

The plan for the phased return is as follows:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Year 11

Those students who use school transport to arrive at normal time and report for COVID testing via the main playground entrance. The buses will operate as normal from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Followed by students who live locally and walk to school:

Students in 11 CGH arrive at 9:30 am

Students in 11 BH arrive at 9:50am

Students in 11 JPL arrive at 10:10am

Students in 11 KWT arrive at 10:30am

Students will be able to attend lessons

I will write separately to confirm the arrangements for Year 11 mock exams and final teaching.

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Other year groups will follow a similar model;

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021                  Year 10 and Year 7**

Those students who use school transport will be picked up in the normal locations and should sit in the usual seating plan on the buses. On arrival report to the main playground entrance for COVID testing.

Students living in Market Weighton should arrive at the following times

Students in 10PF arrive at 10:00am

Students in 10EO arrive at 10:20am

Students in 10PS arrive at 10:40am

**BREAK (Any student arriving during break will need to wait outside the school gate)**

Students in 7EC arrive at 11:30am

Students in 7VCO arrive at 11:40am

Students in 7AGR arrive at 11:50pm

Students in 7LSV arrive at 12:10pm

Lunch will be available in school for Year 7 followed by a briefing during period 4

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021                  Year 9**

Year 9 students who use school transport should arrive as normal but must sit away from other students on the buses.

The remaining Year 9s should arrive at the following times:

Students in 9KN arrive at 9:30 am

Students in 9JMO arrive at 9:50am

Students in 9SO arrive at 10:10am

Students in 9KP arrive at 10:30am

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021    Year 8**

Year 8 students who use school transport should arrive as normal but must sit away from other students on the buses.

The remaining Year 8s should arrive at the following times:

Students in 8HBA arrive at 9:30am

Students in 8JSA arrive at 9:50am

Students in 8ESH arrive at 10:10am

Students in 8CAS arrive at 10:30am

Once all students have been tested they will attend a briefing on the COVID-19 procedures in school to remind them of the systems in place and explain the new rule of wearing face coverings in classrooms. This change has been well publicised and I am sure you will have had a chance to discuss it at home. The classroom face-covering rule is initially in place for 3 weeks until the Easter holidays.

As we need to test each student 3 times over the first two weeks, those that returned on Monday will have a second test on Thursday, with other second tests taking place on Friday, or Monday/Tuesday of the following week. Third tests will start on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March for Year 11 and run throughout that week. After the third test has been completed, your child will be issued with a set of home testing kits. I will write again with further information on this process in due course.

There has been lots of talk in the media about a lost generation of young people and the need for catching up lots learning. If your child has been accessing the remote learning, they will not be disadvantaged. Our staff have worked hard to ensure learning has continued and will now be adapting the curriculum, once the students return, to cover the more practical aspects that it has not been possible to teach remotely.

It is vital that all students return to school to benefit from the social experience that all have missed for the past two months. We appreciate that this has impacted more on some students than others and we will have staff ready to support for those that need it.

I would like to thank you for your support throughout this challenging time as we look forward to seeing all our students back in school. If you have any concerns regarding your child returning to school please contact their Head of Year in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Harrison".

**Richard Harrison**  
Headteacher

