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Dear Parent/Carer

Since my previous letter where I outlined the plans for students returning to school from March 9<sup>th</sup> and the schedule for mass testing, there has been a significant increase in parents requesting that their child is tested and giving their consent; this now means that it is no longer going to be possible to test two year groups on the same day. Whilst this is extremely disappointing for parents and students we feel that from a safety aspect, the more students that are willing to be tested, the safer our school will be. Previously, with only about a quarter of the school having consented, the majority of students would not have been tested but would still have been required back in school; at least this way, hopefully, the majority of students will be tested making it a much more worthwhile enterprise.

The revised plan (as set out below) will mean that Year 11 will be tested on March 8<sup>th</sup> as previously agreed; Year 10 on the 9<sup>th</sup>, Year 7 on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Year 8 on the 11<sup>th</sup> and Year 9 on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Students will start school **the following day** after their testing (apart from Year 9 who will start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March) at the usual time providing they have not received a positive result.

Year Group	Date for testing for those that have consented (times to be sent out separately)	Date of Return for teaching on site at usual starting times
<b>Key Stage 4</b>		
11	8 March 2021	9 March 2021
10	9 March 2021	10 March 2021
<b>Key Stage 3</b>		
7	10 March 2021	11 March 2021
8	11 March 2021	12 March 2021
9	12 March 2021	15 March 2021

Times for testing will be organised by tutor group and sent out separately. Testing will take place in the vacated caretaker's bungalow on site. There is no need for your child to wear their uniform when they come in for the testing.

Unfortunately, due to the mass testing schedule we will not be able to provide any 'live' lessons next week so all work will be set remotely via Show my Homework.

I do apologise for the inconvenience this will cause and wish to thank you for your understanding in this matter. We look forward to welcoming all our students back in school by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March at the latest.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. Bareham'.

Mrs Bareham  
Headteacher