



# DEAN TRUST Rose Bridge

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1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

## Return to School:

We are all delighted that we can return to the school buildings during the week beginning Monday 8th March. Please note that all pupils are expected to return from the start date we designate unless they are ill or self-isolating.

## Return Dates:

There will be a phased return for pupils during the week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This is to enable us to undertake lateral flow testing of our student and staff population;

	IN SCHOOL	LEARNING REMOTELY FROM HOME
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 pupils in school	Years 8, 9, 10 and 11
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 and 8 pupils in school	Years 9, 10 and 11
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils in school	Years 10 and 11
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 pupils in school	Year 11
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	All pupils in school	Only Clinically Extremely Vulnerable

## Timings and school day:

For their first day back on site ALL pupils must arrive at school for 8.40am via the entrance to the back yard on Holt Street to access the testing centre at the back of school. From their second day they will then arrive at their assigned pupil entrance, these are;

- Yr7 – Maths/Inclusion entrance (as it was November/December)
- Yr8 – Attendance entrance on Holt St
- Yr9 – Top of the back yard on Holt St
- Yr10 – Maths/Inclusion (as Nov/Dec)
- Yr11 – Bottom of back yard on Holt

School will end between 2.50pm and 3pm depending on the day to enable us to stagger exits to prevent mixing of year groups. This will begin on Wednesday where Yr7 will leave at 2.50pm, Yr8 at 2.55pm and Yr9 at 3pm and will continue for the remainder of the week. After this we will rotate the year groups being let out earlier, you will receive this information via School Comms on a weekly basis.

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## Lateral Flow Tests (LFT):

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You will have read that as we return to school we need to carry out 3 Lateral Flow Tests (LFT), before the twice weekly process can then take place at home. The first of these must be socially distanced and will take place in our school testing centre on the day of your child's return to school. You have been emailed the details of how to provide consent for the tests, please return your consent for by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The second and third LFT will take place in school. We will send out further information regarding home testing nearer the time when the testing kits can be issued.

### Protocols and dress when we return to School:

When we return to School the protocols will be as we left them: hand washing, pupils learning in zones and teachers moving whilst pupils remain in a room. Your child's Head of Year will provide reminders of how things worked pre-Christmas, the routes around School and what your child should do. These protocols remain the bedrock of keeping us infection free, as does your vigilance and selflessness in keeping your child away from School if you are at all doubtful about their health, or the health of anyone in the family. We did this well in the second part of the Autumn term. Please be in touch with school with the slightest doubt and we will talk you through the best plan to keep your child and their classmates well.

One change is that masks must be worn at all times in the building, including teaching rooms. It will be wise for your child always to have a spare. We ask that masks are plain and unpatterned/without logos. Whilst wearing these all day will be a burden, it is with the advantage of being back in School. The Government has said this will be reviewed at Easter, so it may be for just a few weeks.

We will be providing wellbeing, welfare and teambuilding activities during the first week back, before we begin our courses with earnest in the week that follows induction. Extracurricular activity after school and at lunch times will recommence from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. For their first day back on site only we ask that pupils arrive in their PE kit as part of the day will be PE based.

We are aware that pupils may once again have outgrown shoes, uniform etc during the last two months. We will return with the same dress regulations we left with. We encourage you to check your child's uniform and revisit our uniform expectations which are available on our website. If you need support with your child's uniform we may be able to help. Please contact us at school if you need assistance.

### Other information:

We will write separately to Year 11 pupils and their families later this week to outline our plans for GCSEs following the Government announcement last week regarding summer exams. Overall, we are pleased with the arrangements that have been published. Please note the results day will be August 12th (GCSE).

Best wishes.

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Head of School

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