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Dear parent or carer

Plan for testing and return to school

Thank you for completing the consent survey. Testing pupils is a key strategy within the overall COVID-19 system, and we can confirm that the consent rate for testing is very high.

Bridgnorth Endowed School will reopen on Monday 8 March 2021. The return to school will be phased to allow for pupils to be tested before they return to classrooms (in line with government guidance).

The programme for the first week is planned as follows:

Year group	Return date (with consent)	Return date (without consent)
Year 11	Monday 8 March 2021	Tuesday 9 March 2021
Year 10	Tuesday 9 March 2021	Wednesday 10 March 2021
Year 9	Wednesday 10 March 2021	Thursday 11 March 2021
Year 8	Thursday 11 March 2021	Friday 12 March 2021
Year 7	Friday 12 March 2021	Monday 15 March 2021

Note: Normal teaching will resume the day after all tests have been completed. Pupils returning to school without consent for a test will go to their normal lessons on the first day of teaching, as indicated in the table above.

What is involved in the testing process?

The testing process can be summarised for pupils as follows:

1. Pupils arrive at school at the correct time (see below) and make their way to the Leisure Centre entrance.
2. Pupils enter the Leisure Centre and make their way to the Sports Hall (the route will be clearly marked out and there will be staff around to help).
3. Pupils enter the Sports Hall and are immediately registered.
4. Once registered, pupils are directed to the waiting area.
5. At the appropriate time, a member of the testing team will call for the next group of pupils to complete the test.
6. Pupils enter the testing area and are supported to complete the test.
7. When all pupils in a group have completed the test, they will be directed to a second waiting area.
8. Once the test result is returned, pupils can return to classrooms (e.g. in the event of a negative result).
9. **Note:** The Sports Hall has been fully divided into sections to allow for privacy when taking the test.
10. **Note:** all pupils will be supported through the process.

As you will appreciate, it is going to take some time to complete tests for all of our pupils. If we bring back all pupils in a year group at the same time, there will be certain pupils who will have to wait for a long time to be tested. To avoid this, we are going to stagger pupils' return on their allocated day.

Note: Pupils who are bused into school, and therefore cannot come into school later in the day, should attend school on their allocated day as normal. Pupils able to come into school a little later should do so in order to avoid having to wait for a long period of time for their test.

The programme for each day is as follows:

Year group	Return date	Return time	
Year 11	Monday 8 March 2021	08:45	Pupils who come to school by LA or school bus
		10.00	Surname A – H
		11.00	Surname I – Z
Year 10	Tuesday 9 March 2021	08:45	Pupils who come to school by LA or school bus
		10.00	Surname A – H
		11.00	Surname I – Z
Year 9	Wednesday 10 March 2021	08:45	Pupils who come to school by LA or school bus
		10.00	Surname A – H
		11.00	Surname I – Z
Year 8	Thursday 11 March 2021	08:45	Pupils who come to school by LA or school bus
		10.00	Surname A – H
		11.00	Surname I – Z
Year 7	Friday 12 March 2021	08:45	Pupils who come to school by LA or school bus
		10.00	Surname A – H
		11.00	Surname I – Z

Remote learning

We will continue to upload work for pupils on Class Charts until normal teaching resumes. Therefore, we will set work for pupils in year 11 on Monday 8 March 2021, but not for Tuesday 9 March 2021 (as normal teaching will have resumed).

Pupils returning to classrooms on their testing day will complete the same work that has been uploaded to Class Charts. Normal teaching will resume on the following day.

Face masks

According to the latest government guidance:

"...we now also recommend that in those settings where pupils and students in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn in classrooms and during activities, unless social distancing can be maintained. This does not apply in situations where wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE lessons."

Therefore, all pupils are expected to wear a face covering in school where it is not possible to maintain social distancing, unless you have informed us that they have a medical exemption from doing so.

We are looking forward to having the whole school back in normal lessons from Monday 15 March 2021.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please telephone the school on 01746 762103 or email using admin@bridgnorthendowed.co.uk.

We appreciate your continued support during this very challenging time.

Yours faithfully

Mr B Worth