



# CENTRAL FOUNDATION BOYS' SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## **The return of students to school**

In this letter, I would like to remind you of the controls that we will be operating within the school with the aim to substantially reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus.

This letter follows on from my two previous letters this week that set out:-

- the dates for the return of each Year group to school
- details of the COVID-19 tests that we will be offering for students.

These letters can be found on the School website.

## **COVID-19 symptoms**

It is still essential that students do not attend school if they have COVID-19 symptoms, or have tested positive for COVID-19, or if someone in the household or support bubble has symptoms.

If a student has COVID-19 symptoms they should book a COVID-19 test at a community test centre or order a home test kit and self-isolate in line with the national guidance. They should only return to school after 10 days or if a negative test result is received. The link to the government guidance in regards to self-isolation is here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The test taken at a community test centre is a PCR test, and is different in nature from the school based Lateral Flow test. If a student has COVID-19 symptoms, it is only a negative test result from the PCR test that will permit them to return to school. If a student has a negative result from a Rapid Flow test they should not return to school if they have COVID-19 symptoms until they have the negative test result from a PCR test.

## **Face Coverings**

The school is required to implement the new government guidelines in respect of face coverings. Students will now wear face coverings in lessons, as well as in all communal areas within the school buildings.

If any student needs to be exempt from wearing a face covering then I would ask for you to contact their Director of Learning who will make arrangements for this.

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## Student Bubbles

We will operate the same approach as in the autumn term to minimising the contact between students. We will look to keep all students within a limited 'bubble' of students and ensure that all students sit within designated seats. This both limits the number of student contacts and allows us to identify the number of close contacts in the event of a positive case.

## Other controls

We will of course be operating with the students the other control activities in order to do all that we can to minimise the risk of transmission. These are:-

- Cleaning hands thoroughly at regular intervals during the school day.
- Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by following the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- An enhanced cleaning programme to ensure that regularly touched surfaces are cleaned frequently.
- Ensuring that all rooms are well ventilated

I have set out below a reminder of the dates that the students are returning to school.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Year 11 and 13  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Year 10 and 12  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Year 7 and 9  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Year 8

We are hugely looking forward to the return of all of our students and bringing our school back to life as an energised and vibrant learning community.

With best wishes,

Jamie Brownhill  
Headteacher