



Wednesday 24th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of the Government's roadmap for easing COVID restrictions, it was confirmed that all secondary school students will start returning to school from 8 March 2021.

This return to school will be phased to enable our initial offer of on-site asymptomatic COVID testing to all students before students return to face to face teaching and learning in class. This offer will then be extended to include two further tests, once the initial round of testing has been completed. The DfE have advised that home testing is being introduced for secondary age pupils (11+) and college students. It is important that pupils and students are initially supervised whilst swabbing to make sure they are doing it correctly. This is why testing will initially take place at school. Testing at school initially is a condition of being able to transition pupils and students to test at home.

During this most recent lockdown we have been successfully testing the staff, vulnerable children and the children of key workers who have been working and learning on site. As we upscale our testing plans over the next few days it is vital that we receive consent for all students who wish to take the Lateral Flow tests so we can plan accordingly. If you have not yet completed a consent form for your child, or confirmed that your child, if over 16 has completed their consent form, please do so here www.nuast.org/consent by Friday 26th February 2021, at 9.00am.

In line with the guidance, we will prioritise the return to school of vulnerable children, the children of key workers, and year groups 10-13. Specific details of the return for your child will be shared with you on Monday, 1 March 2021.

Our priority remains the safety of all members of our school community and we have already started to revise and update our Risk Assessments in response to the announcement made yesterday. A reminder of our previous COVID secure protocols and the new amendments will be shared with you and your children early next week, and will be clarified and reinforced with staff and students as they return.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all students and staff back into our classrooms and are truly grateful for your patience and support as we undertake the logistical challenges that this situation presents in order to return safely. Until then, our remote teaching and learning provision will remain as it currently stands and we will communicate our transition plans for this provision to you early next week in readiness for the week beginning 8 March 2021.

Yours Sincerely,

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