



26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you to update you on our plans for the return of learners to school from Monday 8th March 2021.

General Arrangements

The school will continue to operate in the same way as before the Christmas holidays. This means that all preventative measures will continue as normal. I have linked ([here](#)) my letter from September to this letter in case anyone would like to review any of these arrangements. The main changes are:

- Face coverings
- Lateral flow tests

Face Coverings

From Monday 8th March 2021, it is mandatory for all learners to wear face coverings in the school building where it is not possible to social distance. This means that they will be required in all classrooms and corridors at all times. We have been informed by the government that this is only likely to be for the next 19 days of school up to the Easter holidays.

Learners will not need to wear face coverings in outdoor areas or during any physical activity. However, any learners wishing to wear a face covering outside can obviously choose to do so.

Please ensure your child brings a suitable face covering to school.

Lateral Flow Tests

A key part of the plans for the reopening of secondary schools is the use of lateral flow testing for learners in order to identify those who may have COVID-19 without symptoms and hence have the potential to spread the virus unknowingly to other learners.

Obviously, any learner displaying symptoms of COVID-19 should remain at home and book a test.

As I have reiterated throughout this period, participation in lateral flow testing is not compulsory and will only be carried out where we have consent. Obviously, we would encourage participation as we feel it provides an extra layer of protection for our learners.

Learners should not start face-to-face teaching until they have received a negative test result. We will then carry out a further two tests over the subsequent week and a half so that learners become confident to continue to take tests at home under parental supervision. Information on home-testing will follow when we have more details.



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The following schedule will indicate when your child should attend school in order that they may have their first lateral flow test. Learners will be expected to attend school at the allocated time to receive a lateral flow test.

Learners should arrive at the back of the gym corridor near the main car park where they will be given instructions on what to do. It is important that learners do not arrive too early, as that will cause a large gathering, which will increase the chances of COVID transmission. Once your child has been tested, they should return home and continue their online learning. They should come to school on Monday 8th March as expected, unless they have tested positive, in which case they must self-isolate in line with the guidance.

	Wed 3	Thu 4	Fri 5
	Test 1	Test 1	Test 1
8.40 – 8.55	9X1	8X1	7X1
8.55 – 9.10	9X2	8X2	7X2
9.10 – 9.25	9X3	8X3	7X3
9.25 – 9.40	9X4	8X4	7X4
9.40 – 9.55	9X5	8X5	7X5
9.55 – 10.10	9Y1	8Y1	7Y1
10.10 – 10.25	9Y2	8Y2	7Y2
10.25 – 10.40	9Y3	8Y3	7Y3
BREAK			
11.10 – 11.25	9Y4	8Y4	7Y4
11.25 – 11.40	9Y5	8Y5	7Y5
11.40 – 11.55	11X1	13X1	10X1
11.55 – 12.10	11X2	13X2	10X2
LUNCH			
1.10 – 1.25	11X3	13X3	10X3
1.25 – 1.40	11X4	13X4	10X4
1.40 – 1.55	11X5	13X5	10X5
1.55 – 2.10	11Y1	13X6	10Y1
2.10 – 2.25	11Y2	12X1	10Y2
2.25 – 2.40	11Y3	12X2	10Y3
2.40 – 2.55	11Y4	12X3	10Y4
2.55 – 3.10	11Y5	12X4	10Y5
3.10 – 3.25		12X5	
3.25 – 3.40		12X6	
3.40 – 3.55			

What if I do not want my child to be tested?

If this is the case, then your child should still arrive in school at the normal time on Monday 8th March 2021.

We do appreciate the disruption this may cause and the possible challenges for your child attending at the test time, however, we have given this much consideration and are confident this will ensure uninterrupted learning from Monday 8th March 2021.





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If you have any questions about these arrangements please contact dorans@uptonhigh.co.uk and we will respond as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to welcoming all our learners back from Monday 8th March 2021. We are certain we can ensure a safe and positive experience for all as we approach the end of term.

Yours faithfully

L Cummins
Headteacher

