



23rd February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Wider re-opening of schools from the week of 8th March

Firstly, I hope that you and your families have enjoyed a relaxing half term and enjoyed the break from the routine of home schooling.

We welcome the news of the return to schools for all pupils as announced by the Prime Minister yesterday, as I'm sure you do! Rather than attempting to describe through the initial details and implications in a letter, please see the link below to a 'video update' from me, which I hope gives a clear overview of the current position.

<https://vimeo.com/515875397/f569d24246>

In the video, I refer to the video message sent to Year 7-11 students at the start of term yesterday, noting the slight changes to remote learning from the start of Term 4. The link to that video is here:

<https://vimeo.com/515177055/8ab28ac175>

The link to the consent forms for the Covid testing is as follows. If you feel able, please do support us in this and your prompt return of this consent will hugely help our planning. We would ask you to complete the form in all cases, i.e. whether you are giving consent or not. :

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wwKbEeKstEKPNgL1svSOdDuyvuXW7R5Co7hjpMtF9ORUMU1VTzRGMlRGUFQ3QU5GWjc2Sk9XUzBSVi4u>

For students aged 16 and above we'll send the link to the student consent form as part of a Firefly task tomorrow morning.

All information on the testing process can be found here:

<https://www.gordanoschool.org.uk/page/?title=COVID+19+Docs+%26amp%3B+FAQ&pid=69>.

We will be further working up our plans for the return to school over the coming days and I will write again on Friday with further information.

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Although we face an incredibly busy few weeks, the work is certainly easier when the sun is shining on your back, as it now seems to be with the return to school imminent and hopefully irreversible. As ever, every member of the community has an important part to play in this, and your support and reinforcement of our messages to your children over the coming weeks will play a significant role.

We look forward to seeing them all again very soon.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Inman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tom Inman

Headteacher