



25th February 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

Further to Mr. Serrão's letter yesterday, I am writing to confirm the arrangements for the phased reopening of our secondary school following the announcement by the government on Monday 22nd February. The following does not apply to our primary school students who are not required to have lateral flow device tests before returning to school.

1. Rapid testing programme

Testing for students without coronavirus symptoms has been introduced for all students and staff using new, quicker COVID-19 tests known as 'lateral flow tests' (LFDs). Initially, all students will be provided with three tests at school with future tests then being provided for use at home. The information below provides further information on the testing process:

- Carrying out a lateral flow test - [leaflet](#) & [video](#)
- Frequently asked questions - [leaflet](#)
- How the information will be used - [leaflet](#)

It is essential that we receive parental consent to carry out the testing (students in Years 12 and 13 can provide their own consent). If you have not yet given consent for your child in Years 7 to 11 to have the LFD test, please fill in this [form](#), a new form will need to be completed for each child.

2. Return to school timetable

As you can imagine, timetabling 3 LFD tests for all secondary students between 3 to 5 days apart while maintaining social distancing has been quite a complex logistical challenge. While the process begins in earnest on 8th March we would like to test the students attending our critical worker provision and our Year 12 and 13 students next week to ensure we complete the testing as efficiently as possible. Year 12 and Year 13 students should attend our Bennett House campus (Sunningfields Road, NW4 4QR) at the times in the table below. Their teachers will be aware of this commitment and Remote Learning will be amended accordingly. Students must be punctual to support social distancing and will need their mobile phones if possible to register their results with the NHS. The entire test process should last approximately 30 minutes.

Date	Morning session	12:20	12:50	13:50	14:20
	08:00-12:00				
Tue 2 nd March	Students attending the Critical Worker Provision	12AD Mr Corden	12LN Mr Price	13EF Ms Field and Ms McGinnis	13LN Mr Papasavva
Fri 5 th March	Students attending the Critical Worker Provision	12AD Mr Corden	12LN Mr Price	13EF Ms Field and Ms McGinnis	13LN Mr Papasavva

The full details of the date and time of the testing over the weeks commencing 8th and 15th March I will detail in tomorrow's bulletin.

3. Ensuring the safety of our staff, students, parents and carers.

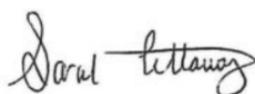
The safety of our community is of paramount importance to us. We have reviewed all the government, health and union guidance in order to provide a safe learning environment for students and staff. This has included changing the timings of the day to stagger arrival and departure times for different year groups, minimising the number of rooms students are in during the school day and separating year groups at break and lunchtimes.

In the most recent guidance from the government, it is expected that all students wear face coverings when inside classrooms as well as when moving through the school building unless they have an exemption. These should not be the same covering that they wear to travel to or from school and should be plain. If you believe your child should be exempt from wearing a face covering and have not already notified us of this, please email office@smsj.london with the subject heading 'Face Covering'.

As well as checking your child's uniform and equipment prior to their return to school, please visit www.gov.uk/backtoschool for information and practical guidance to help you plan for your child's return to school.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours faithfully,



Mrs S Pittaway
Head of Secondary