

2 March 2021

*Assalamualaikum wa Rahmatullah*

Dear Parents/ Guardian

**Ref: Staggered return to school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

I hope this letter reaches you in the best of health and highest of Iman.

We are writing to inform parents/guardians that, in our last message (dated 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021) we mentioned that, DHLNW will re-open from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**.

As per government guidance, all students must be tested three times for covid-19 in school using lateral flow tests before home testing begins. The testing we have to undertake will be a challenge, but inshallah we hope that we will be successful.

We are planning to offer all of our students 3 lateral flow tests in school over a two-weeks period from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. These test are designed to detect coronavirus in people with no symptoms, by testing we will help to reduce the spread in school through asymptomatic transmission. We are therefore strongly encouraging all of learners to take part in testing. Once learners have completed three supervised tests in school they will be able to transition to regular testing at home with the support of a parent/guardian.

The guidance stated,

“Secondary schools should offer pupils testing at an onsite ATS from 8<sup>th</sup> March. Testing and return of pupils can be phased during the first week to manage the number of pupils through the test site at any one time. You should offer 3 tests, 3 to 5 days apart”

**It would be appreciated if all parents/guardian give consent to the Covid-19 testing, if you have not done so already, by completing the online consent form given below.**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hMkicFJnKUq566Uy-jWnJRMZLeOF7TVFpqQy1uwN-VNUODhMWE5XMktQNDNIOUNZUk4xVkQ0TVVIOC4u>

It is important that your child is willing to take part in the testing as they will have to administer the self-swab under the advice and guidance of the testing team. Knowing how many learners will be tested will help with planning the testing process. To aid us in this work, **please complete the online Covid-19 test consent form by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021**.

The Covid-19 school tests are not for learners or staff who have symptoms. Learners with symptoms will be expected to follow the normal guidance to remain off school and get a test

from a local testing Centre. It also remains the case that the whole household must isolate whilst someone in the household is waiting for a test result.

The government also recommended that masks are worn in classrooms as well as corridors when young people return to school. We expect all our students to wear masks as it is compulsory (except medical exemption).

We are very much looking forward to the return of all our learners to school. I hope we are all beginning to see some light at the end of the tunnel. We are determined to manage the wider opening of school as safely as possible. students will return as per the following timetable:

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9, 10 & 11
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 & 8

In the meantime, the students will continue with their homework with their remote learning which will be good preparation for the work they will be completing in lessons from the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> of March.

For further information, please visit the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-and-childcare-settings-return-in-january-2021/schools-and-childcare-settings-return-in-january-2021>

Jazakumullahu Khairan.

Yours Sincerely

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