

23 February 2021

### Full reopening of secondary schools

Dear Parents / Carers,

Further to yesterday's announcement by the Prime Minister on 'the roadmap for leaving lockdown', I am pleased to confirm that our schools will be reopening to all pupils from Monday 8 March.

The Prime Minister stated that secondary aged pupils should be tested 'as they return to the classroom from Monday 8 March' and has said that secondary schools have some flexibility on staggering the return to enable this testing to take place effectively. This will require a good deal of planning with school leaders over the coming days and we would ask for your patience as we consider the best way to bring secondary-aged pupils back safely during the week beginning 8 March.

We will, therefore, be in touch over the next few days with more details of the programme for the return of each year group and the mass testing of pupils.

We are delighted that we will be able to welcome children and young adults back to our schools after this most recent period of lockdown and thank you all for your hard work in supporting your children during this recent period of home learning.

Yours sincerely,



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