



Planning for the return to face-to-face teaching from 8th March 2021

Parent and student information

On Monday 22nd February the Department for Education published new guidance outlining how schools should plan for the return of students to school after lockdown. The key points are as follows:

- Students from **all year groups** will return to school from 8th March, though this will be **phased** to allow asymptomatic lateral flow testing to be completed.
- Students should attend lessons after a negative lateral flow test (LFT) has been completed. Over 1000 of these tests have been successfully completed at Sackville by staff and key worker students since January. They are quick and our staff will patiently guide students through each step of the process. However, testing is subject to parental consent and students unable to be tested (e.g. for medical reasons) are still entitled to attend school. It is therefore essential that the **consent form [here](#) is completed**. Students who have tested positive for Covid in the last 90 days should not take a LFT as it risks a false positive result; please indicate this on the [consent form](#).
- Two or three LFTs will be completed by students in school before switching to **home testing** twice weekly.
- **Face masks** are now also **required in classrooms as well as in corridors** where students are unable to be socially distanced from their peers. This is likely to be reviewed by the national government at Easter.
- There is a strong emphasis on the need to maintain the strict control measures that were previously in place, including the **use of zones & student bubbles** for the foreseeable future. Other control measures, such as regular **hand sanitising** and **good ventilation** remain essential.

As you can imagine, the return to school will require a significant adjustment to our working practices, not least as we are expected to supervise **several thousand LFTs** in addition to delivering lessons as usual. As such we have carefully planned the return of students as outlined below.

Date	Actions
Before Thursday March 4th 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of the school site for return including deep cleaning as necessary.
Thursday 4th March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidation and catch-up day one for students. On this day, staff will be returning to school to take their own LFT, organise teaching spaces (including the return of digital hardware) and plan for the arrival of students. • As such there will be no live lessons and instead students will be asked to complete outstanding work or extend their knowledge through further reading or extension activities. • We are sorry as a result of this not to be able to provide key worker student places on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th March, particularly given this week's disruption caused by our network outage. • Y8 Parents' Evening 15:00 - 19:00 (online)

Friday 5th March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidation and catch-up day two for students. Staff continue preparing for students' return, in school as necessary and supervise mass testing. Morning: Mass testing of year 11 students. Afternoon: Mass testing of year 12 and 13 students. Note that students must return straight home after their first LFT to await their result. Information will follow soon with details of when students should arrive and where they should go.
Monday 8th March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11, 12 and 13 students begin face-to-face teaching in school. Morning: Mass testing of year 10 students. Afternoon: Mass testing of year 9 students Note that students must return straight home after their first LFT to await their result. Information will follow soon with details of when students should arrive and where they should go. Year 7 and 8 students will complete independent work set on the usual platforms.
Tuesday 9th March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9-13 students attend face-to-face teaching in school. Morning: Mass testing of year 7 students. Afternoon: Mass testing of year 8 students Note that students must return straight home after their first LFT to await their result. Information will follow soon with details of when students should arrive and where they should go.
Wednesday 10th March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students attend face-to-face teaching in school. However, some students will be released from lessons to complete their second LFT as below. Morning: Mass testing of year 11 students (test 2) Afternoon: Mass testing of year 12 & 13 students (test 2) Note that students will need to leave their lessons and will return to them when testing has been completed.
Thursday 11th March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students attend face-to-face teaching in school. However, some students will be released from lessons to complete their second LFT as below. Morning: Mass testing of year 10 students (test 2) Afternoon: Mass testing of year 9 students (test 2) Note that students will need to leave their lessons and will return to them when testing has been completed.
Friday 12th March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students attend face-to-face teaching in school. However, some students will be released from lessons to complete their second LFT as below. Morning: Mass testing of year 7 students (test 2) Afternoon: Mass testing of year 8 students (test 2) Note that students will need to leave their lessons and will return to them when testing has been completed.
Monday 15th March 2021 onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will begin twice weekly at-home testing, or complete a third LFT as required.

A detailed set of instructions, including timings of lateral flow tests, will be issued to students and parents as soon as possible **during the week beginning 1st March**. A timetable of plans is summarised on the following page in a more helpful format.

Mr S Bush 25.2.21

Year Group	Thursday 4th March	Friday 5th March	Monday 8th March	Tuesday 9th March	Wednesday 10th March	Thursday 11th March	Friday 13th March
7	Consolidation days	Consolidation days	Independent study	Testing	In school	In school	Testing/in school
8	Consolidation days	Consolidation days	Independent study	Testing	In school	In school	Testing/in school
9	Consolidation days	Consolidation days	Testing	In school	In school	Testing/in school	In school
10	Consolidation days	Consolidation days	Testing	In school	In school	Testing/in school	In school
11	Consolidation day	Testing	In school	In school	Testing/in school	In school	In school
12	Consolidation day	Testing	In school	In school	Testing/in school	In school	In school
13	Consolidation day	Testing	In school	In school	Testing/in school	In school	In school