

RHU/March 2021

1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you and your family are well. Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we collectively handle the challenges posed by Covid-19.

You will no doubt have seen the Prime Minister's announcement last Monday that schools will re-open fully, for all students, from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, with testing in place for students. The Government has given secondary schools discretion as to how to phase the return to school over that week.

We are very much looking forward to having all students back at SWB and want to assure you that – as has been the case throughout the coronavirus crisis – we will ensure the school is as safe as it possibly can be. Your child's health, and the health of all our students and staff, is the most important factor always for us.

There are a number of specific points about the full return to school that I wanted to set out in this letter, which I hope are helpful.

### Testing

- All students, (who have provided consent), will be consistently tested for Covid-19, using 'lateral flow tests'. It is not compulsory to take these tests, but the Government's health advice is that effective testing helps stop the virus spreading and will mean schools are as safe as possible.
- The Department for Education will shortly provide us with the testing kits, which can be completed at home, and we will update you on the collection and delivery of these kits in due course.
- Once these tests are received:
  - Students will test themselves, assisted by trained SWB staff **three times at school during the first two weeks back.**
  - After the first two weeks back at school, students will be provided with two rapid tests to use each week at home.
  - Students will be allowed to attend lessons as normal after their first negative result.
  - Parents and carers will be required to report home test results to schools to record. We will confirm how this system will operate in due course.
  - Students who develop Covid-19 symptoms should self-isolate immediately, as now, according to Government guidelines.
  - If a student tests positive for Covid-19, they must self-isolate for 10 days from the day after they tested positive or the day after they start to have symptoms.
  - The school will retain a "small" testing site for those unable to test at home, while all our staff will also be given twice weekly home tests.
  - As mentioned, trained SWB staff will supervise tests taken at school. Lateral flow tests are quick and easy to administer, using a swab of the nose and throat. Results take around half an hour from testing and will be shared directly with staff and pupils participating. For under-18s, staff can oversee the swab process. Where participants are under-16, parents or legal guardians will also be informed of a positive result.

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In order to facilitate the return of all students into the academy and accommodate COVID-19 testing, we will operate a phased return. If students have not consented to testing they should still follow the arrival times in the plan. Please see below for the overview of students return:

**Please follow these times exactly, students must not be early or late arriving to the academy.**

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Year	Arrival Time	Entrance	Test window	Dismissal Time	Exit
Year 11 – X Test 1	0900	Dudley Street Gate	0900 - 1000	1500	Astro Turf Gate
Year 11 – Y Test 1	1000	Dudley Street Gate	1000 - 1100	1500	Astro Turf Gate
SWB6 – Year 13 Test 1	0900	Main Entrance	0900 - 0945	1530	Main Entrance
SWB6 – Year 12 Test 1	0945	Main Entrance	0945 - 1030	1530	Main Entrance
Year 10 – X Test 1	1115	Astro Turf Gate	1115 - 1215	1515	Astro Turf Gate
Year 10 – Y Test 1	1215	Astro Turf Gate	1215 - 1315	1515	Astro Turf Gate

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Year	Arrival Time	Entrance	Test window	Dismissal Time	Exit
Year 9 – X Test 1	0900	Main Entrance	0900 - 1000	1445	Dudley Street Gate
Year 9 – Y Test 1	1000	Main Entrance	1000 - 1100	1445	Dudley Street Gate
Year 8 – X Test 1	1115	Dudley Street Gate	1115 - 1215	1515	Dudley Street Gate
Year 8 – Y Test 1	1215	Dudley Street Gate	1215 - 1315	1515	Dudley Street Gate
SWB6	0915	Main Entrance	No test. In lessons	1530	Main Entrance
Year 11	0845	Dudley Street Gate	No test. In lessons	1500	Astro Turf Gate
Year 10	0900	Astro Turf Gate	No test. In lessons	1515	Astro Turf Gate

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Year	Arrival Time	Entrance	Test window	Dismissal Time	Exit
Year 7 – X Test 1	1115	Main Entrance	1115 - 1215	1500	Main Entrance
Year 7 – Y Test 1	1215	Main Entrance	1215 - 1315	1500	Main Entrance
SWB6	0915	Main Entrance	No test. In lessons	1530	Main Entrance
Year 11	0845	Dudley Street Gate	No test. In lessons	1500	Astro Turf Gate
Year 10	0900	Astro Turf Gate	No test. In lessons	1515	Astro Turf Gate
Year 9	0845	Main Entrance	No test. In lessons	1445	Dudley Street Gate
Year 8	0915	Dudley Street Gate	No test. In lessons		Dudley Street Gate

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Onwards

Year	Arrival Time	Entrance	Test window	Dismissal Time	Exit
SWB6	0915	Main Entrance	Students in lessons	1530	Main Entrance
Year 11	0845	Dudley Street Gate	Students in lessons	1500	Astro Turf Gate
Year 10	0900	Astro Turf Gate	Students in lessons	1515	Astro Turf Gate
Year 9	0845	Main Entrance	Students in lessons	1445	Dudley Street Gate
Year 8	0915	Dudley Street Gate	Students in lessons	1515	Dudley Street Gate
Year 7	0900	Main Entrance	Students in lessons	1500	Main Entrance

Tests two and three will be conducted during lesson times moving forward. I can assure you all tests will be completed sensitively with only fully trained SWB staff assisting the students.

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### **Masks**

The Government has recommended the use of face masks indoors – including in classrooms. This Governmental policy will be reviewed over the Easter Holidays so will be in place until at least the end of this term, and applies to students, staff, and visitors (including parents). Those students who have provided medical exemption certificates will continue to be exempt.

We therefore encourage all students to ensure they have a suitable number of face masks for the resumption of school on 8<sup>th</sup> March. It is advisable to have at least one in both their PE kit and normal school uniform, plus a spare in their school bag.

### **Uniform**

As always, our uniform expectations remain high. Students are expected to be in full school uniform (Business Dress for SWB6) or SWB PE kit, every day. This includes wearing school shoes and tie.

If required, parents are able to purchase uniform from our supplier, Sandra at San' Kidzwear via her Facebook page or by telephone, please see link and details below. Parents would need to arrange payment and collection accordingly.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/Sanskidzwear.co.uk/> Contact number: 07538 028540

### **Equipment**

Students need to ensure they have all the necessary school equipment, which includes at least a pen, pencil, rubber, pencil sharpener, ruler, reading book, passport, school bag, subject exercise books and lanyard.

### **Remote Learning**

To support teaching staff in planning for a positive restart, we are asking them to come into the academy next week. This means there will be no live lessons running from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Instead, assessment activities, tests and quizzes will be set for students on Class Charts.

The Government's announcement indicates we are tentatively returning to normal. However, I wanted to reiterate how alert we are to the continued risk of Covid-19.

We will continue to adhere to stringent health and safety measures now, and when fully open. Your support in helping us be as safe as possible is much appreciated and will help ensure we stay open to all pupils, and keep your child, our staff, and you, safe.

I hope this letter is helpful, and reassuring, but please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



Rod Hughes.  
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