



Our ref: MME/HFT
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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will know, the Government has asked all schools to re-open for all students during the week beginning Monday 8th of March. I want to outline the plans that we have for you today and we will provide further details early next week.

One key part of the plan to re-open schools is the Government's request for mass testing to be offered to all students. Clearly, the vaccination programme is having the desired effect in reducing the rates of Covid, particularly in the elderly and most vulnerable. The hope is that mass testing of students and staff will allow schools to remain open from now on as the tests are designed to identify students and staff who have Covid but are not displaying any symptoms. Clearly, it is in everyone's interest that the goal of keeping schools open is achieved. I wanted to thank all parents and carers who have returned their response and Consent Forms. It is important that we receive a response so if you do not wish to take up the offer of lateral flow testing, we still require this to be indicated in the Parentmail Response Form.

Schools have been asked to test students three times and then parents or students themselves will be given tests to continue testing at home. This again will give us the best possible chance of identifying asymptomatic cases, lowering the infection rate and ultimately ensuring that schools can remain open. The tests have to be conducted 3 to 5 days apart. As you can imagine this is a significant logistical challenge.

It is important that we do not allow any asymptomatic cases into school when we re-start. As a result, the Government has given schools the flexibility to start testing students before the 8th of March and also to stagger students' return across the week of the 8th of March. We will be inviting all students into school for their first lateral flow test on Wednesday-Friday of next week and they will go home immediately after this. In addition, so that we ensure we have tested any students who miss their first test appointment, we will bring the students in across Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th of March for their second test and, again, the students will go home. All students will resume their full time education in school from Wednesday the 10th of March.

Please see the tables and notes at the end of this letter which provide the details of when students should come into school for their tests but then go home.

Please see below for information on how testing fits in and around our provision for learning:

- Live lessons will take place as normal on Monday the 1st and 2nd of March.
- When students are coming into school for tests, short revision tasks will be set on Google Classroom so students can fit in study around their visit to school.
- Live lessons continue on the 3rd to 5th March for those students who do not have lateral flow tests on that day.
- Live lessons will stop on Monday 8th of March but work will be set on Google Classrooms for all students.
- On Tuesday 9th, staff will teach Y11 - 13 in school. Work will be set on Google Classrooms for all other year groups.
- From Wednesday 10th of March onwards all students will come into school at the normal time.



In addition, as per the revised Government guidance, students will wear masks in classrooms, as well as all other areas inside the school building. This national policy will be reviewed at Easter.

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our students back over the coming weeks and we thank you for your continuing support. Hopefully, with all of the new measures which are planned, we will be able to avoid any further enforced closure of schools until the end of the pandemic.

We will provide further details next week.

Yours sincerely,

**Mark McKelvie
Principal**



Testing Schedule 3rd – 10th March

Day	AM	PM	Notes
Wed 3 rd March	9.00-11.40 am Year 11 Surname A - D 9.00 am E - J 9.40 am K - O 10.20 am P - Z 11.00 am	12.20-3.00 pm Post 16 Surname A - F 12.20 pm G - L 1.00 pm M - R 1.40 pm S - Z 2.20 pm	Key Workers in school. Year 11 and Post 16 come in for their tests then go home. Online work (short revision tasks) Y11, Post 16 No Y11 Interventions No Post 16 Twilights Live lessons Y7,8,9,10
Thurs 4 th March	9.00-11.40 am Year 9 Surname A - C 9.00 am D - K 9.40 am L - R 10.20 am S - Z 11.00 am	12.20-3.00 pm Year 10 Surname A - C 12.20 pm D - K 1.00 pm L - R 1.40 pm S - Z 2.20 pm	Key Workers in school. Year 9 and 10 come in for their tests then go home. Online work (short revision tasks) Y9, Y10 Live lessons Y7,8,11,Post 16
Fri 5 th March	9.00-11.40 am Year 8 Surname A - D 9.00 am E - K 9.40 am L - R 10.20 am S - Z 11.00 am	12.20-3.00 pm Year 7 Surname A - C 12.20 pm D - H 1.00 pm I - O 1.40 pm P - Z 2.20 pm	Key Workers in school. Year 7 and 8 come in for their tests then go home. Online work (short revision tasks) Y7, Y8 Live lessons Y9,10,11, Post 16



Mon 8 th March	9.00-11.40 am Year 11 Surname A - D 9.00 am E - J 9.40 am K - O 10.20 am P - Z 11.00 am	12.20-3.00 pm Post 16 Surname A - F 12.20 pm G - L 1.00 pm M - R 1.40 pm S - Z 2.20 pm	Key Workers in school. Y11 and Post 16 come in for their tests then go home. Online work All year groups
Tues 9 th March	9.00-11.40 am Year 9 Surname A - C 9.00 am D - K 9.40 am L - R 10.20 am S - Z 11.00 am	12.20-3.00 pm Year 10 Surname A - C 12.20 pm D - K 1.00 pm L - R 1.40 pm S - Z 2.20 pm	Key Workers in school. Year 11 and Post 16 come into school at the normal time for lessons. Year 9 and 10 come in for their tests then go home. Online work Y7,8,9,10
Wed 10 th March	All students will come into school at the normal time. Year 7 and 8 in school having lessons and taken to the test area by class teachers.		

- Students should come into school on the day and time indicated by their surnames.
- Students should arrive at the Mount Pleasant Road entrance.
- Students should wear **full school uniform**.
- Students will be on-site for approximately 30 minutes.
- After the tests, students should leave the site and go straight home.
- The third lateral flow test will take place from Thursday 11th March to Monday 15th March with students in school. Students will be taken to the test area by their class teachers.
- Please be aware there may be disruptions to online lessons due to deployment of teaching staff.

If a student has had a positive test within 90 days of the planned school lateral flow test they should contact Sue Mullan (Care and Wellbeing Assistant) at s.mullan@pudseygrangefield.co.uk for further advice.