

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you had a pleasant half term. We have enjoyed being back with the students in our virtual world once again. Please remind your child to attend tutor time, as these sessions are an important part of our wellbeing provision.

We are very excited to be opening up to all students from Monday 8th March. If your child is particularly worried about this transition, please contact their tutor or Head of Year or the SEND team, as we are offering some tailored in-school sessions for these vulnerable pupils next week.

Lateral flow tests - testing at home

We have planned for students to have two lateral flow tests in school, supervised by a member of staff to ensure that it is done correctly, before they move to 'home testing'. There is some information on our website to show you and your child how to do this.

<https://saltash.net/covid-19-test-at-home/>

Students with SEND are permitted to test at home from the outset. Following our recent correspondence (sent on Monday 22nd February) we have a list of students with and without consent for lateral flow testing. No reply is being treated as no consent. You can still respond here (the forms close on Sunday at 23:59):

To give consent for testing, please follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/FQYxiWPdDwmGCuMTA>

To decline consent for testing, please follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/QpFn3cmWD98RiF4R6>

If you have any questions about the flow tests, please email: enquiries@saltashcloud.net

Plan for returning to school – a staggered return

Most students will have two lateral flow tests in school. This means that we cannot welcome all students back on Monday 8th as few schools have the capacity to test and process such large numbers at once. Even if your child is not being tested, he or she may not return before the rest of their class, unless they are currently in school as part of our 'key worker and vulnerable' group.

We are running an appointment system, by year group and tutor group. Students need to come into school at the start of the half hour session indicated here. They may need to wait outside so will need a warm (and possibly waterproof) coat. If the result is negative, they will remain in school for the rest of the day and then for the rest of the week. If the result is positive, they will be asked to go home – we will contact you if this is the case. Local infection rates are very low at the time of writing – 35 in every 100,000 - which is a cause for hope. All students should be back in lessons by Monday 15th March.

Time	Monday 8 th March	Tuesday 9 th March	Wednesday 10 th March	Thursday 11 th March	Friday 12 th March
09:00	11ES	7BS	8BN	9AY	10AL
09:30	11GE	7EG	8CA	9EE	10AN
10:00	11HL	7EM	8CM	break	break
10:30	11HZ	break	8FM	9KS	10BE

11:00	break	7LS	break	9MY	10HA
11:30	11LB	7RB	8HW	9PT	10JO
12:00	11NE	7RU	8JL	9RW	10OY
12:30	11PB	7SE	8RM	break	break
13:00	11WN	break	8SA	9TH	10RO
13:30	break	7SL	break	9TU	10YC

Years 12 and 13

Testing ONLY (no return to lessons in school) will take place on Friday 5th March, so that students can return on Monday 8th March.

12:45 14CS	13:00 13DB	13:15 13GW	13:30 13LY	13:45 13ME
	14:00 12BX	14:15 12GR	14:30 12HS	14:45 12WD

Laptops and other 'borrowed' school devices

Please remind your child to bring any laptops, chargers, headphones or other items that we have provided for remote learning when they return to school. We will have a process for collection so that we know who has returned which items, but it would be helpful if these could be labelled in some way.

Education from Monday 8th March

Remote education will continue as it has since January for most students. On the day that a particular year group is coming into school, some work will be provided on Teams but there may not be a live lesson if some class members are at home and some are in school.

If your child is CEV and is therefore not permitted to return to school, please make contact with us if you have not done so already. Work for these students will continue to be set on Teams or Show My Homework until Easter at the earliest.

All other students should return to school when requested. Please note full government guidance here: <https://tinyurl.com/2kduubm2>

Clothing

Students should wear uniform once they return to school; PE kit when they have a practical PE session. Extra jumpers may still be required as windows remain open for ventilation.

Masks

All students should wear masks in corridors, and in rooms when they are unable to maintain a 2 metre distance from every other person in that room. Exceptions are:

- Those with an exemption (a lanyard really helps for rapid identification)
- PE lessons
- When eating
- Outside

Building Back Better – Phase 1

As children have missed another considerable chunk of school, we want to ensure that our return to learning is smooth. We want the remainder of this academic year to be focused and purposeful. Therefore, we are introducing some new systems and routines over the coming months, to enable students to maximise learning time. From Monday 8th March, students in Years 7-9 (on their first full day back (not their testing day)), will line up on arrival at school in their tutor groups (extreme weather permitting). Students should continue to wear their face coverings, wait in line for their tutor, who will greet them before escorting them into their tutor room. This will also provide an opportunity for their Head of Year to give any key announcements for the day ahead.

Year 7 – Basketball Court

Year 8 – Tennis Courts

Year 9 – Quad

In addition to the above, we would like to remind all students of the expectations when returning to in-school learning. We expect students to:

- be 'ready to learn'
- be punctual
- bring the correct equipment
- wear the correct uniform
- work hard in every lesson
- listen to others and show respect
- display our school values of Tenacity, Empathy, Aspiration and Motivation

If a student disrupts teaching and learning, we are expanding the successful model we began in the Autumn Term in Year 8. If a student needs to be removed from their lesson, they will report directly to their Pastoral Hub where they will remain for the next 5 lessons (including breaks). Whilst in the Hub, they will have an opportunity to unpick what went wrong and why; their Head of Year will be able to talk to them about support; they will continue with classwork set but they will do so independently and in silence. If a child is removed three times in a half term (before Easter), they may face a Fixed Term Exclusion. We want our students to return to school and get back to an environment where teachers can teach and children can learn.

Over the next four weeks, we will release more detail about the new procedures and expectations once it has all been formalised. We will be training staff and students in the new expectations and will share implementation dates with Parents and Carers as soon as we can. No more changes will begin until after the Easter holiday. We thank you for supporting this change.

Thank you once again for your support and positive feedback. We are very lucky to be working in and for such a caring and supportive community.

Best wishes

TEAM Saltash