

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Covid testing**

I am writing to you to give you further guidance surrounding testing, following my letter to you all on Monday. We will need a phased return to enable our initial offer of on-site asymptomatic testing to all students, during the first week, before they return to face to face teaching and learning in class. This will then be extended to include two further tests, once the initial round of testing has been completed.

As we upscale our testing plans over the next few days it is vital that we receive consent for all students who wish to take the Lateral Flow tests so we can plan accordingly. If you have not yet completed a consent form for your child, please do so here [www.nusa.org.uk/consent](http://www.nusa.org.uk/consent) by **Thursday, 25 February 2021, at 5pm.**

In line with the guidance, we will prioritise the return to school of vulnerable children, the children of key workers, and year groups 10-13. Specific details of the return for your child will be shared with you on Monday 1st March 2021.

Our priority remains the safety of all members of our school community and we have already started to revise and update our Risk Assessments in response to the announcement made on Monday. I shared a reminder of our previous Covid secure protocols and the new amendments will be shared with you and your children in Monday's letter, and these will be clarified and reinforced with staff and students as they return.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all students and staff back into our classrooms and are truly grateful for your patience and support as we undertake the logistical challenges that this situation presents in order to return safely.

### **Mask wearing**

On our return to school, all students will be expected to wear masks at all times, except in PE lessons and when outdoors. Therefore, your child will need to come to school with a mask each day. Where a child forgets a mask, we will issue a new disposable one and will make a note on their Bromcom. If your child is exempt from mask wearing, they will have previously been issued with an exemption. We will, however, reissue these in case they have been lost. If you have not yet requested an exemption card and your child is exempt, please complete the form below by Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 5pm:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LuLr9FO180SIVj4NhJCOuPd1\\_L717bZEo6XA7dpt3\\_hUOUZJSzBKODg5VkvUTVdWUFpaVIRDQkFQOS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LuLr9FO180SIVj4NhJCOuPd1_L717bZEo6XA7dpt3_hUOUZJSzBKODg5VkvUTVdWUFpaVIRDQkFQOS4u)

If your child refuses to wear a mask, and does not have an exemption card, we will follow our normal school behavior policy in terms of consequences.

## Uniform

Our children have been out of school uniform for a long time now, therefore, it is highly likely that items which fit before Christmas, may not fit as well now. It is vital we hold our high expectations of all of our students and insist that they return in full school uniform from the 8<sup>th</sup> March. However, we are understanding that with non-essential shops being closed, it may be difficult to replace some items. Therefore, can I ask that you do two things. Firstly, please ensure your child tries on all of their school uniform, including PE Kit and shoes. Secondly, if you know that your child will not be able to be in full school uniform on our return as an item no longer fits, please contact your child's Head of Year as below, as we may be able to assist:

Year 7 – Mr Kirkby – [skirkby@nusa.org.uk](mailto:skirkby@nusa.org.uk)

Year 8 – Miss Hemm – [lhemm@nusa.org.uk](mailto:lhemm@nusa.org.uk)

Year 9 – Miss Malhi – [gmalhi@nusa.org.uk](mailto:gmalhi@nusa.org.uk)

Year 10 – Miss Strawson – [lstrawson@nusa.org.uk](mailto:lstrawson@nusa.org.uk)

Year 11 – Mr James – [lujames@nusa.org.uk](mailto:lujames@nusa.org.uk)

A reminder of our uniform can be found on our website:

<https://www.nusa.org.uk/page.php?p=uniform>

If you have any concerns or queries, do get in touch.

Take care,

Emma Howard  
Head of School