

25th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I am sorry I have as yet been unable to provide greater detail for you regarding your children's return to school. I am still waiting for information from Essex County Council which is fundamental to our plans and could mean all students are able to start back with us on the 8th March, however until this information has been shared I am unable to formalise my plans for reopening.

As I'm sure you are aware, the Government has stated that all secondary aged students are required to have three Covid tests, one prior to attending school and the other two once they have started. In order to conduct these lateral flow tests we need to get parents' consent. In order to provide consent could you please click on the following link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6bWUYJhFcUeZpJWMAntW_km7ST53-WFOk6Cpo7ZwP_9URjRYQTM4WTRXQ0pNT0dXQVJYSTNERVdaUi4u

The privacy statement is also attached for your perusal.

As you saw before the Christmas break, the new form of Covid spread like wildfire across young people meaning the majority of students in our area and across London were isolating at home instead of in school. Please therefore take the time to provide your consent to these tests so that we can identify any asymptomatic positive cases quickly and everyone in our community can remain safe and in school rather than isolating at home.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Leonard
Headteacher