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Dear Parents and Carers

Following yesterday's announcement that all children are to return to school from Monday 8th March, I wanted to write to let you know how we intend to phase students back that week.

In order to allow us to test all students upon their return, we are going to bring back one year group per day, starting with Year 11 on Monday 8th March. They will be joined by Year 10 on Tuesday 9th, Year 9 on Wednesday 10th, Year 8 on Thursday 11th and Year 7 on Friday 12th March. Lessons will continue online until students return to school.

Please note that we will not be able to supervise children of key workers and vulnerable children in school from Monday 8th March. This is due to the need for their classroom bases for the returning year groups and the staff supervising those rooms need to return to their normal lessons. They will be able to join their relevant year groups on their return to school day.

As per government guidance, we will be asking students to wear masks in classrooms, as well as indoor communal spaces, up until Easter. The government will review this advice at Easter.

We will also need parent/carer consent in order to carry out testing. **No child will be tested without parental consent.** I will write later this week with more detail around that and we will be providing more details around the return and how we will manage the testing process.

I was keen to let you know when each year group would be returning as soon as possible.

With best wishes and kind regards

Rachel Kelly
Headteacher

