

Wednesday 24th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Government's most recent announcement on Monday, it is now mandatory for all children to attend school from Monday 8th March.

As you are aware Friday 5th, Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th March are INSET days. We therefore look forward to welcoming all learners back on **Wednesday 10th March**. For the remainder of the week all learners will be taught in form groups and from Monday 15th March learners will follow their September timetable.

The Government have asked that all children who are of secondary school age to be tested three times, 3 to 5 days apart. Therefore, where we have consent, learners (who have not been on site during this last lockdown) will be tested on their first day back, then on the following Monday and finally on Friday. After this point schools will be no longer carrying out lateral flow testing and children of secondary school age and all staff will be asked to carry out the tests from home. We will send you more information about this as soon as we have received it.

As a temporary measure the Government have asked that all secondary aged children and staff who work in secondary schools to wear masks where it is not possible to stay two metres apart (in classrooms and corridors). We would strongly recommend the wearing of masks but understand that not everyone will be able to do this.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the vast majority of staff have had their first vaccination thereby further supporting us to keep everyone safe. We will continue to follow our risk assessment which has been updated to reflect the changes recommended by the Government. The latest risk assessment can be found on our website by clicking on the red COVID banner.

Members of the family Footings Team will be in contact with you at some point during the week to answer any questions you may have and to work collaboratively with you to support your child's return to school.

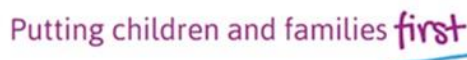
Thank you once again for all of your support and really appreciate your positive feedback.

Kind regards,



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