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Dear Parents

I am writing a short communication now to confirm that school will be re-opening on Monday, 8 March. The current plans are to begin in-school testing of Years 13 - 11 on Monday 8 March and Years 10 - 7 on Tuesday 9 March, using appointment slots. Remote education will continue for all on those two days.

Resumption of face to face education for all years is being planned from Wednesday 10 March, with ongoing testing of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> lateral flow tests taking place over the course of 4 further days - Thursday 11 & Friday 12 March and Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 March. The aim is to ensure that disruption to education is minimised as far as possible. I will be writing in greater detail to set out these matters for you as soon as I can. In addition, there will be an update on the safety measures we will be implementing many of which are the same as those in operation before lockdown.

As you will appreciate, the resumption of school lessons and testing will present some logistical challenges which we are working through. In the meantime can I personally thank all parents who have so far volunteered to support us in whatever capacity. Any further support would be most appreciated - please contact reception if you can do so. Thank you also to those parents who have sent messages of support concerning the remote education provision to date. These messages are most appreciated.

Finally, you may be aware that Ofqual published their guidance on GCSE and A Level grading yesterday. We are working through that guidance and will be setting out the approach school will be taking as soon as we can.

We are all, of course, really looking forward to seeing the students back soon.

With best wishes

**Jonathan Webb**  
Headmaster