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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the letter on Wednesday, I am now able to let you know our plans for re-opening. These plans are heavily restricted by the need to test students 3 times in two weeks whilst also considering the wellbeing of the community as we return to school. I am aware that this may be inconvenient for some of us, but this is the best model we have generated with several variables to consider.

Two-week schedule

Week beginning 1 March

Lessons will continue online apart from Friday 5 March. This is a training day for staff and the student wellbeing day, which you will have had information about. (Testing will go ahead). The year groups will come into school, be tested, and then go straight home. Testing will now be in the Sports Hall. To support timings, we have arranged a parent evening style booking system with several slots available at each time. You can book these on Insight **from Monday 1 March, 12 noon**, following the normal procedure. It will be labelled Covid test. If there are any issues with booking, please contact Mr Graham j.graham@ralphallenschool.com or phone 01225 832936 ext 306.

Day	Year group being tested and times
Monday 1 March	
Tuesday 2 March	
Wednesday 3 March	Year 8 (8.30-11.30am)/ Year 11 (12.30 – 3pm)
Thursday 4 March	Year 9 (8.30 – 11.30am)/ Years 12 & 13 (12.30 – 3pm)
Friday 5 March	Year 7 (8.30 – 11.30am)/ Year 10 (12.30 – 3pm)

Students will be greeted in main car park and taken for their test. Their assembly next week will be showing how we do this and how easy it is to try and allay any concerns.

Week beginning 8 March

- Key worker and vulnerable students to revert to their year group bubble and will not be in school as a separate group.
- **There will be no online period 1 lessons Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.** (Teachers will be working with individual groups in school during this time).

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Day	Year groups in school	Year groups to be tested	Plans for teaching
Monday 8 March	8 & 11	8 & 11	Yr 8 and 11 taught in school. Online timetable for other years.
Tuesday 9 March	9, 12 & 13	9, 12 & 13	Yr 9, 12 & 13 taught in school. Online timetable for other years.
Wednesday 10 March	7 & 10	7 & 10	Yr 7 and 10 taught in school. Online timetable for other years.
Thursday 11 March	7,8 & 11	8 & 11	Yr 7, 8 and 11 taught in school. Set work for other years online.
Friday 12 March	All students	9, 12 & 13	All years taught in school

Lessons in school will revert to their original timetable. Online lessons will still be 45 mins, but period 4 may change. (Please see additional document on timings of the day). There will be scheduled on their Teams page.

Week beginning 15 March

All students are back in school. Years 7 & 10 will require their final test on Monday 15 March. Students will be given home tests from this point onwards. The rationale behind 3 tests is to teach students so they can administer tests at home.

Testing

This is still a voluntary requirement and we are doing this to support our community. No one will be forced to take part and there will be no judgements on your decisions. I take my test twice a week to give myself security for the students and staff in school. We all still must maintain social distancing, it is just another measure to minimise risk.

Testing is done by a separate team who have all undergone the necessary training and have been testing the staff and students in school for five weeks. The tests they are taking are the Lateral flow tests. The terms of consent and the privacy statement is attached to this letter and you can find the link to the consent form below. Results for these tests take 30 minutes.

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[Consent form](#)

Face coverings

You may be surprised to hear that government direction is changing. For now, we will continue with systems in place from September with students wearing face coverings to and from school and when moving around the site. More information to follow on this item. Students can still choose to wear masks at any time.

Bubbles

We will maintain the same year group bubbles as from the start of the year. Entrances, zones, lunchtimes, and one-way systems will continue as these form part of our conditions for our risk assessment. The three days starting from 8 March are to help students adjust to being in school again and allowing the systems to be reinforced for everyone's safety. This method worked well in September and students were happy being with friends and felt secure that every student was not in school straight away.

Care and safety

We have done this before successfully and are trying to reopen the school with the students at the heart of what we do. Re-opening the schools is the right decision but our decision to stagger is to support the students as they return from online learning in their homes.

I realise there is a lot of information here and the school are happy to answer any individual questions. We are confident that our plan fulfils the necessary requirements and supports students back into school.

Many thanks for your continued patience.

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