



Frequently Asked Questions...

Full school reopening (March 2021)

1. How will my child get tested in school?

You must provide consent for your child to be tested in school by completing the [consent form](#). We will then offer three tests in school.

2. When will my child return full-time to school?

We need to stagger the return of students in order to offer up 2,000 students a test. After each year group's first test, all students with a negative test result and/or who do not have COVID-19 symptoms will return to school full time and then the other tests will be conducted during school time.

3. What about after the third test?

The testing regime will be done at home. We are awaiting guidance from the government about how these will be distributed. Once we have this information, we will get in touch with parents.

4. What if I don't want my child to be tested?

We encourage the school community to get tested as part of the strategy to reduce transmission of COVID-19, but no one will be tested without consent. If your child is not getting tested they should return to school on the date when the rest of his/her year group will begin full-time in school lessons.

5. Will my child have to wear a face covering in class?

The government now recommends that as well as in corridors, face coverings should also be worn in classrooms. We will, therefore, require staff and students to wear face coverings in all indoor environments, particularly where social distancing is not possible. If your child has a medical condition which means they should be exempt from wearing a face covering, you should write to his/her Year Leader explaining this.

6. What is happening about exams this year?

Public exams have been cancelled this academic year and schools have been instructed to provide teacher assessed grades. We are currently developing our approach to this process to ensure it is fair and transparent for students and parents and we will be in contact with you regarding this soon.

7. What about assessments for other year groups?

We are rescheduling these along with how we will report these to parents and will be in touch with further information shortly.

8. Who do I contact if I have further questions?

If your question is about your child's academic progress, you should contact your child's Stage Leader. If your question is about your child's well-being or pastoral care, you should contact your child's Year Leader. Contact details for key staff can be found [here](#).