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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Return to school for all students

It is great news that our pupils can return to the classroom from the week beginning 8th March 2021, and such an important step for the health and wellbeing of all children and young people nationally. We are now working hard to ensure the return is as straightforward for pupils, parents and staff as possible, as we look forward to welcoming pupils back for face-to-face learning.

We are currently finalising the logistics of providing lateral flow tests on a mass scale and this may mean that, as per government guidance, some year groups will return for face-to-face teaching later in the week or possibly on Monday the 15th March. We have been instructed to prioritise Y10 and Y11 students in the first instance. We will write to parents as soon as possible to confirm all of these arrangements including:

- The details of each year group's return to school.
- The details of remote learning in the week commencing the 8th March 2021.
- The details of the provision for key worker/vulnerable pupils in the week commencing the 8th March 2021.

#### **Lateral Flow Tests**

Secondary school pupils will be required to take three Covid tests on their return to school before the Easter Break. Home testing will be requested twice a week thereafter. To ensure all pupils have the opportunity to have these tests upon their return, we will work on a phased basis of return over the week beginning the 8th March.

These tests are designed to identify asymptomatic cases, that is, people who are showing no signs of having Covid-19, but who may have the virus. We have been conducting these tests with our key worker children, vulnerable pupils, and staff over the last few weeks in school and have an NHS trained team conducting these tests.

As per Public Health England advice, we would urge all parents/carers to give consent for your child to have these tests. Please complete the consent form with the link provided if you have not already done so.

### Consent form for Kelvin Hall testing

# **Face coverings**

A change in government guidance means that we will be requiring students to wear face masks in classrooms as well as in corridors and communal areas. We advise that students bring a spare face mask to school in order that they can change masks during the day if needed.

### **Remote Learning**

In the meantime, it is important that your child continues to engage with home learning following their normal timetable. If your child is not engaging with the learning, we will endeavour to contact you on a regular basis to support you in whatever way we can, by either phone, text, or email. We kindly ask for your support so that we can continue to provide high-quality education for your child during this time. Most importantly, any work and assessments completed whilst students are participating in remote or onsite learning in the spring prior to the whole school return is of vital importance. We monitor the attendance of every student in all lessons. Attendance to live lessons and completion of home learning activities clearly demonstrates a student's willingness to engage in their learning. All work completed during home learning contributes to better and more accurate teacher assessment in this period of the national lockdown.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We will write to you again in the next few days to **confirm** our arrangements for the return to school of all pupils at Kelvin Hall School.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P. Cavanagh Executive Headteacher













