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Monday, 1st March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Return to school: Important information

I write to provide you with important information regarding your child's/children's return to Ellis Guilford School from Monday, 8th March 2021.

Firstly, thank you to all parents/carers who have completed the consent form to allow your child to have a COVID lateral flow test. In my previous letter, I stressed the importance of maintaining a school community of both staff and pupils being safe following negative testing and re-testing. I am pleased to inform you that the majority of parents/carers have completed the consent form and we will be beginning testing this week.

Testing of pupils takes time and therefore, in line with other schools, we will have a STAGGERED START, meaning that year groups begin to return during week commencing 8th March.

We are wanting all children to return as soon as possible and therefore our re-opening programme will begin later this week with Year 11 and Year 10 pupils having their test, to enable a full return for both year groups on Monday, 8th March 2021. Year 7-9 will be tested during that week, going home after the test and returning the following day, ready for a full day at school. All pupils will return fully to school during this first week. A re-test programme for pupils will take place in accordance with government guidelines of 3-5 days for all pupils where consent has been given.

The full return to school programme is attached to this letter.

For pupils who are at home, prior to their return, they should continue their learning using the school's Remote Learning Programme.

We want all our pupils to have the opportunity of re-familiarising themselves with the school. Having spent many weeks away from the classroom, it is important to have time focussing on school expectations, as well as what makes good learning. All pupils also need time to with their friends and peers. The first day



back will therefore focus on 're-setting' our expectations as well as learning in the classroom.

Upon returning, it is important that pupils:

1. Wear full school uniform, including black shoes
2. Bring their school bag, together with their exercise books
3. Bring their Chromebook, fully charged
4. Bring all school equipment

For parents/carers, please ensure that pupils have sufficient money on their account for break and lunch.

We expect ALL pupils to return, except those who are clinically vulnerable or where we are aware of positive COVID-19 test. Attendance is key to pupil success and good achievement

Finally, we look forward to seeing our pupils and welcoming them back to school.

Kind regards,

Mr Chris Keen
Principal