



26th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will undoubtedly be aware of the Prime Minister's recent announcement regarding the return to school plans for all students. Before I comment on that, I would just like to say a heartfelt 'thank you' for all that you have done to support your daughter's education throughout this lockdown period to date. I hope that you and your family are continuing to be safe and well.

The Government's return to school plans are very generic and, as such, do not consider the significant size differences in schools when outlining plans for on-site Lateral Flow Device testing. In order to ensure that all students are tested within the first week, and before entering the main school buildings, we will be operating a phased return for different year groups. We will also be testing from Friday 5th March 2021 in order to ensure that all students can access live teaching within one working day of being tested via our Lateral Flow Device systems. These have worked really well for those on-site during lockdown.

For obvious reasons, we do not want students to return to the classroom before they have been through the testing process. In view of this, students will arrive at school for testing and then return home again immediately to access the 'stand-alone' remote lessons set by teaching staff. All students will then be able to enter school, on the next working day and follow their normal timetables (within bubble areas) prior to lockdown.

We are aware that some families have yet to complete the online consent form. Before we can test your daughter, we need your consent and I would be grateful if you could complete the consent form in the link below if you have not already done so.
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-RjZAYGsGUaNNorRBgvnepxdPT0kyLrVAms0pxKZOzXFUQTITMjJFV0s3S1IKMFYzVkvFTU5XRkkyTS4u>

The Lateral Flow testing arrangements are as follows:

Friday 5th March - Year 10 will arrive on-site for LFD testing and return to lessons on Monday 8th March.

Monday 8th March - Year 11 will arrive on-site for LFD testing and return to lessons on Tuesday 9th March.

Tuesday 9th March - Year 7 will arrive on-site for LFD testing and return to lessons on Wednesday 10th March.

Wednesday 10th March - Year 8 will arrive on-site for LFD testing and return to lessons on Thursday 11th March.

Thursday 11th March - Year 9 will arrive on-site for LFD testing and return to lessons on Friday 12th March.

Please note that we have prioritised GCSE classes to return at the earliest point (Year 11 would have been first but have not finished remote-assessments in all cases.) We have then prioritised the return of KS3 classes with the youngest students coming back earliest.

The order for testing, on each assigned day, is as follows:

9.00 - 10.00am	Blue and Gold colour families
10.00 - 11.00am	Green and Orange colour families
11.20 - 12.20pm	Pink and Purple colour families
12.20 - 1.20pm	Red and Silver colour families
2.00 - 3.00pm	White and Yellow colour families

All students are requested to report to the tennis courts nearest to the main entrance at the stated time. Please ensure that your daughter has a face covering and hand-sanitiser in-line with existing site-safety requirements. These will also be required each day that your daughter is in school from the point at which she returns to her classes. In line with government guidance; we will be requesting that students use face coverings in lessons and around the interior of the school site. This policy will be reviewed prior to the start of the summer term.

We are asking for volunteers to help support the period of testing between Friday 5th and Thursday 11th March. If you would like more information about how you could help or, if you would like to volunteer, then I would be very grateful if you could email my colleague Katie Adams k.adams@davisonhigh.school by the end of Tuesday 2nd March. Any time that you are able to give would be greatly appreciated to ensure that students are able to return safely to the classroom.

We will communicate the exact arrangements for how the testing process will work early next week. In the meantime, please encourage your daughter to keep working hard in her remote sessions and let her know that we are all really looking forward to having all of our students back with us here at Davison.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Keating
Headteacher