

1 March 2021

Return to School Schedule

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to be inviting all of our students back to school next week after such an extended period of home learning. We will be writing on Thursday this week to confirm the individual arrangements for your child, including an appointment time for their first COVID test. However, I wanted to confirm now the staggered start arrangements next week.

You will be aware that all students who return to school next week should receive three initial COVID tests, one of which should be before they return. The table below outlines our plans for this first test. **Please read the below information carefully**, taking note which day your child will come to school for their COVID test and which day their normal lessons will resume.

	Fri 5 March	Mon 8 March	Tue 9 March	Wed 10 March	Thur 11 March onwards
Year 7	All year groups accessing remote learning at home <i>(Contingency School closed)</i>	Remote learning	Remote learning	Testing appointment at school	Normal lessons
Year 8		Remote learning	Remote learning	Testing appointment at school	Normal lessons
Year 9		Remote learning	Testing appointment at school	Normal lessons	Normal lessons
Year 10		Remote learning	Testing appointment at school	Normal lessons	Normal lessons
Year 11		Testing appointment at school	Normal lessons	Normal lessons	Normal lessons
Year 12		Testing appointment at school	Normal lessons	Normal lessons	Normal lessons
Year 13		Testing appointment at school	Normal lessons	Normal lessons	Normal lessons

Testing at school - how will it work?

You will see in the table above that all year groups have been allocated one “testing at school” day prior to resuming normal lessons. On this day your child will attend the school on an appointment basis to have their first COVID test. **Students should attend school in full uniform on this day and ensure that they attend only at their appointment time.** School bags and other equipment are not necessary.

Following their test, students will be released from school to continue with remote learning at home, ready to start normal lessons the next day.

We expect that the full test process will not take more than 30-45 minutes for each student. Parents and carers will receive confirmation of a negative result by email and text message within 24 hours of the test. In the event of a positive test result, parents will be notified within 30 minutes and the student will be sent home immediately.

Arrangements for Y7 and Y8

Practically it is not possible for us to run COVID testing sites at both KAA1 and KAA2. **All students in Y7 & Y8 should report to KAA1 for their first COVID test.** Senior staff will welcome students at the entrance and direct them to the testing centre.

Consent forms

All students under 16 require parental consent in order to be tested at school. Students over 16 are able to self-consent on the day. Most parents have now completed the consent forms. Thank you.

If you have not yet indicated consent, please do so as soon as possible at the link here:

<https://forms.gle/8HMv4HGD9GICUhK8A>

Home testing

We will be offering home testing kits to all students, twice weekly, following the completion of the initial three tests. We will be delivering training to students on how to use the home test kits over the coming weeks and expect to be able to distribute the kits towards the end of March.

Please note that we are only able to provide home testing kits to students and staff, not family members. Home testing kits are available to all at the various rapid testing sites across RBKC. A list of available sites is available here:

<https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/newsroom/all-council-statements/rapid-community-testing-those-without-coronavirus-symptoms-who>

I look forward to seeing many of you next week. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the information above, please reach out to us at info@kaa.org.uk

Kind regards,



David Benson
Principal