



HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

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12th March 2021

Dear parent/carer,

Thank you for supporting the safe return of students to school this week.

LFD Testing Update

Over the course of the week we have conducted over 1,500 LFD tests, with over 90% of the student population taking part. Next week we will conduct a further 3,000 tests, before distributing home-testing kits to all students. At the time of writing, all results have been negative.

The GOV.UK reporting website has faced difficulties with the volume of test results being reported and this has resulted in some families not receiving a text message reporting their child's result. This issue should be addressed next week but, in the event that you do not receive a text, you can always assume that no news is good news. In the event of a positive case we will always get in touch with the family as a matter of urgency.

Next week

In our original documentation we had proposed early finishes for Year 7 and 8 on Monday 15 March and Year 9 and 10 on Tuesday 16 March. This was to give some room in case the testing process was proving problematic. The last few days have given us confidence that testing will be manageable and so we are reverting to normal days – with the benefits of normality and simplicity – from Monday. All year groups will finish at their normal time.

Date	COVID Testing	Face-to face teaching
Monday 15 March	Years 9 and 10	All students in lessons
Tuesday 16 March	Years 7 and 8	All students in lessons
Wednesday 17 March	Years 11, 12 and 13	All students in lessons
Thursday 18 March	Years 9 and 10	All students in lessons
Friday 19 March	Years 7 and 8	All students in lessons

The only exception to this return to normality is in the morning of Monday 15; Years 12 and 13 lessons will not start until 1000 in order to allow Year 7, 8 and 9 induction to take place.

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Face coverings

Our policy on reopening is that face coverings should be worn at all times on the school site. Students must bring two face coverings to school.

There has been very high adherence to this over the past week. Please thank your child on my behalf; it has been very reassuring for staff and students.

If your child is exempt you must get in touch with their Head of Year. From Tuesday 16 March non-exempt students may be sent home to collect the necessary equipment if they arrive at school without a face covering.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. We are really looking forward to having the whole school back in on Monday. Have a lovely weekend.

All best wishes,

Matthew Sadler
Head