



# Brookfield Community School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Action Required - full re-opening and testing arrangements

Further to my letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> February, you will be aware that the Department for Education (DfE) has, this week, published full opening guidance to schools. Since receiving the guidance on Tuesday, we have been working to formulate plans for the necessary testing of students, and the return to school of all students from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**.

DfE guidance states that all students should have 3 onsite tests on their return, which need to be taken between 3-5 days apart. Students can return to lessons only after the first test has been carried out. I am sure you will recognise this as an enormous logistical exercise, requiring 3500 tests to be carried out in school in a two-week period. After the first 3 tests, students will be provided with home testing kits and will be expected to test themselves twice each week and inform school of their results. The reason why the first 3 tests are carried out in school is to allow students to be tested under the supervision of staff to ensure they are confident and able to carry out the tests at home. More information will follow on these arrangements.

### Timetable for testing

We are keen that the impact on learning is minimised whilst testing takes place. To that end, we will carry out all **first** tests in week commencing **1<sup>st</sup> March**, before the full return to school. Students will need to book a specific time for these tests. Each test should take around 10 minutes and students will return home immediately after the first test has been completed.

<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Years 10 and 11
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Years 9, 12 and 13
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Years 7 and 8

The days will be divided by year group to avoid mixing between students of different years.

### Booking a time for a test - action required

To manage the process carefully we need to run a booking system for appointments. Please click on the link below to book a time slot for the day your child(ren) are due in school for their test.

<https://brookfieldcomschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The login screen will ask you for the details we have on record for you and you and your child. Appointments can be made from **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021** at 5pm and will close at **5pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. If you need any support making an appointment or have any questions regarding the booking system, please contact [m.robinson@brookfieldcs.org.uk](mailto:m.robinson@brookfieldcs.org.uk)



### **Attending for tests**

Our testing centre is now well-established and since the start of January we have carried out over 800 tests. This centre is based in the Sports Hall. Students should report to the Sports Hall five minutes before their allocated time and must immediately leave site after their test. School uniform is not required. Please enter the school site through the Storrs Road/Upper Moor Street entrance. Please note that on the day that your child has their test next week, no live lessons will be delivered, but work will be set on SMHW.

### **Consent for testing**


Thank you to those parents who responded earlier in the term to the request for consent. An email has been sent to those parents who have not yet responded. Those parents who have already given their consent to testing will not need to respond. The deadline for completion of the consent form is **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February** and link for the form is also included [here](#).

### **Re-opening of school for all students**

Students in all year groups will return to school on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March** at the normal time. School will operate using the same systems of COVID risk management that were in place last term. These include staggered break and lunchtimes, the wearing of face coverings in school, strict hygiene measures, one-way systems and high levels of ventilation. Further details will be communicated next week.

Thank you for your support and patience at this time.

Yours faithfully



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