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Dear Parents and Carers

### Preparations for our Full Reopening of School

We are looking forward to welcoming all students back to school during the week commencing Monday 8 March. You will have seen in the Prime Minister's announcement that, as part of the full reopening, all students will be offered Covid-19 Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests. Due to the requirement to test students before they can enter their classrooms, we will welcome different year groups back to school on different days throughout the week. More information about this will be shared in due course.

The testing will consist of three separate tests in school - 3 to 5 days apart - then twice weekly testing at home. We have previously circulated information and a consent form for testing and have received many replies. If you have not yet had chance to complete the consent form but would be happy for your child to take part in the testing, please do so:

- Consent form: <https://www.st-wilfrids.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/KS5-Lateral-flow-testing-letter.pdf>
- Privacy Notice for information: <https://www.st-wilfrids.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Covid-Testing-Privacy-Notice.docx>

We are currently working through the new guidance for reopening. Although much of the guidance remains unchanged from the Autumn Term, with students being taught in bubbles, there is one key change to highlight. Although face coverings have previously been required in communal areas and corridors, they will also now be required to be worn within classrooms (unless your child is exempt). It is therefore important that your child comes equipped with a comfortable face covering that they will be able to wear throughout the day and a spare in case it gets damaged. It is clear that this change is a temporary one and we will follow Government guidance regarding the duration of this adaptation.

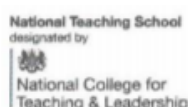
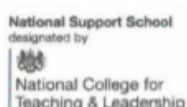
Upon return to school, we will support and guide students as they readjust to our systems and routines and we expect high standards of behaviour to be exhibited by all. Please ensure you familiarise yourself with our safeguarding, behaviour and uniform policies (<https://www.st-wilfrids.org/our-school/policies/>). If you are concerned that your child's uniform does not comply, please notify us in advance so that we can help.

I will be in touch with the full detail of our reopening at the start of next week.

Many thanks for your support and patience.

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Mrs Ritchie  
Acting Head of School



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