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Dear Parent/Carer

School Reopening from March 8th

As you will be aware, all students will be coming back to school from March 8th. We will be staggering the reopening to allow us time to administer rapid Covid 19 tests to students before they go back to their classes. The use of rapid Covid 19 testing is a really important way to keep students and staff safe and ensure that we are not faced with closure again. Our testing system has been in place for two months and is highly effective. It was the school testing system that discovered that I had contracted Covid 19. I had not developed symptoms so this test allowed me to self isolate and keep others safe. Your support with testing from March 8th will be essential to safe reopening.

The school was open successfully throughout the Autumn term, at a time where local rates of infection were considerably higher than they are now; we are confident, therefore, that we will open safely again and that we do not have to change our systems or safety measures. There are some additions however that you need to be aware of. Please read the information below carefully, it outlines the measures we will be taking to ensure successful and safe reopening.

Staggered Start

We will be staggering the start of school reopening to allow us to administer rapid Covid 19 tests prior to students entering classrooms. Students will be arriving to school in their tutor group at different times, from Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th. The first year groups arriving will be year 11 and the 6th form. We will send you the start time for your child next week, please ensure that they are in the school yard at the time given as timings will be essential to a smooth start.

Testing

All students are to take rapid Covid 19 tests as they return to the classroom from Monday 8th March. We have sent you the consent form via our Parent app PA Connect, please help us by filling it in and sending it back as quickly as possible, if you do not have access to the form or if you are having issues please email admin@moorpark.mp and we can email you a copy to send back.

After an initial programme of three tests in school, students will be provided with two rapid tests to use each week at home. All school staff will also continue to be provided with two tests to use each week at home.

Face Coverings

Face coverings should be worn by students when moving around the premises outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. Face coverings will now be worn by students in classrooms. This does not apply in situations where wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE lessons. Please ensure that your child brings a face covering to school every day.

We are looking forward to having the young people back in classrooms learning. Thank you all for your support during this challenging period, let's hope that by summer we can resume normal service and give students the full range of experiences and opportunities that are on offer at Moor Park. In the meantime, thank you all for your cooperation, we couldn't do it without you.

Yours sincerely



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