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Dear Parents/Carers/Students

I hope this letter finds you safe and well.

Whilst I feel that the students have had quality on-line learning, teaching and materials, we are looking forward to welcoming our students back into Cottingham High School and Sixth Form College and commencing our face to face learning again.

Following the Government's announcement last night, we are currently working on the exact dates that each year group will return to CHS and further details of this will follow shortly. We have been instructed to prioritise Y10 to Y13. Consequently, our key worker/vulnerable student provision will end on 5 March. These students will return to lessons on the same day as the rest of their year group the following week.

However, following Government directive, we need to organise for students to be tested with the lateral flow devices (LFD) **three times** on their return w/c 8 March 2021, these tests need to be at 3 to 5 days apart. I am sure you can appreciate that this needs careful planning and will cause some disruption to at least the first two weeks back.

Following these three on site tests, students will be expected to carry out a further two tests at home on a weekly basis and inform the school of the results. We are still waiting for confirmation from the Government about how this will work and will inform you accordingly.

Whilst this test is voluntary, I would encourage everyone to take it as up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms. By testing, we will help to stop the virus spread and help to keep our school as safe as possible under the current pandemic circumstances.

However, this can only take place if we have permission from you. Therefore, I would be grateful if could complete the online consent statement using the link below. **The consent statement must be completed prior to the testing taking place. Please note that if you have already submitted your consent, then you do not need to complete this form again.** Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The 'lateral flow' tests are quick and easy using a swab of one's nose and throat. Results (which take around half an hour from testing) will be shared directly with students participating.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Muld21g0TUSFRSKJe3Yn2zz8V89Rb2VFt6y2uFb_tcVURYY4S01MUFNYOEJGNDVBQ0dPSUZZWVVBQy4u

I will be back in touch as soon as further details are finalised.

The one other major change is that all students and staff will wear face coverings in lessons and whilst they are in the school building (unless exempt, proof of will be required).



They can remove their face coverings to eat or drink and replace them as soon as they have finished or when they are outside of the building in the open air. Students will be expected to be in full uniform upon their return, with an appropriate coat as the rooms will continue to be well ventilated.

Finally, please can you let your child know that we are very much looking forward to seeing everyone back in school again. If they have any anxieties or worries whatsoever, please let us know so we can work to alleviate them before 8 March 21.

Thank you for supporting the school in our attempts to provide a smooth transition for your child in resuming their full-time education.

Yours sincerely



Loz Wilson
Headteacher

