



# Rawmarsh Community School



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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing in response to the recent instruction from the government for all schools to reopen fully during the week beginning the 8th March.

## Return to onsite learning

As I said when planning our original return in December, we will continue to prioritise the health and well-being of our school community. We will ensure that, despite the stringent measures we have in place, all students will follow a broad, balanced and creative curriculum.

All existing protocols regarding bubbles, entrances and exits and timings of the day will remain the same as they were prior to the Christmas break. You will be aware that we recently amended the school day, lengthening one of the break times to support remote learning. I'd like to make it clear that when we reopen to all students on Monday 8th March, all students will follow the timings of the day they were doing so before the Christmas break.

## Reminder of timings of the day from 8th March 2021

Year	Period 1	Period 2	Break 1	Period 3	Break 2	Period 4	Depart
7	8:50 am - 10:10 am*	10:20 am - 11:30 am	11:30 am - 12:00 pm	12:00 pm - 13:20 pm	13:20 pm - 13:50 pm	13:50 pm - 15:00 pm	Bottom Gate
8	9:00 am - 10:10 am*	10:20 am - 11:30 am	11:30 am - 12:00 pm	12:00 pm - 13:20 pm	13:20 pm - 13:50 pm	13:50 pm - 15:10 pm	Top Gate
9	9:10 am - 10:10 am*	10:20 am - 11:30 am	11:30 am - 12:00 pm	12:00 pm - 13:20 pm	13:20 pm - 13:50 pm	13:50 pm - 15:20 pm	Top Gate
10	8:50 am - 10:10 am*	10:20 am - 11:30 am	11:30 am - 12:00 pm	12:00 pm - 13:20 pm	13:20 pm - 13:50 pm	13:50 pm - 15:00 pm	Top Gate
11	8:40 am - 10:10 am*	10:20 am - 11:30 am	11:30 am - 12:00 pm	12:00 pm - 13:20 pm	13:20 pm - 13:50 pm	13:50 pm - 15:10 pm**	Bottom Gate

The government has also announced the additional obligation that **students must wear face masks when in classrooms and other indoor areas**, where social distancing is not possible. I must emphasise that we expect all of our students to fully comply with this new measure and that I will not hesitate to apply appropriate sanctions should any student choose not to.

If your child is medically exempt from wearing a face mask it is very important that you let us know as soon as possible. I would ask that you contact your child's Student Progress Manager at school to inform us. We will follow the government guidance on exemptions and we would ask that you and your child also do this.

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"We want to send every young person into the world able and qualified to play their part in it".



Students will return to their Year Group Zones as they have done throughout this year, entering and leaving school through their assigned entrances/exits. As before, it's important that students do not arrive more than 5 minutes before their allocated start time to avoid unnecessary mixing.

The two greatest determining factors relating to student well-being and attainment are good attendance and outstanding effort. This has never been more important than now and I need to reiterate that it is an expectation that all of our students attend school every day.

## **Testing**

The government has asked that secondary schools test all students using lateral flow tests so that they can return to school safely. You will have seen already that I have contacted you regarding consent for the tests. If you have not already done this then I urge you to complete the consent form by clicking on this link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcbDONZE0HubJDsXWPxWEV9tNym6XMg4MSKPGrrflqc0gfWQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcbDONZE0HubJDsXWPxWEV9tNym6XMg4MSKPGrrflqc0gfWQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

We recognise that the ongoing stringent measures we have in place will not be without challenges; that said, we know our students and staff can work together and support each other to make the best of the situation.

Yours faithfully

Matthew Turton  
Headteacher