



Rawmarsh Community School



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Dear Parent

As we eagerly anticipate the return of our students to onsite learning from Monday 8th March, I felt it would be helpful to send out information relating to the next few weeks.

Staff and student testing update

First of all, thank you for the large number of replies regarding the programme of Lateral Flow Testing for students. This programme will continue next week, though it is important to stress that all students are expected back on-site from 8th March. **Students do not need to have had a test or wait for a result of a test to come back to school.** The majority of students who gave consent have been tested over the last two weeks and those who have not will be tested during week commencing 8th March.

From week commencing 15th March, staff and students will be provided with the resources and instructions to test at home twice a week. Parents, carers and staff only need to contact the school in the event of a positive outcome so that we can commence track and trace. Any positive test result should be followed by a PCR test which can be booked through the NHS. All results, whether positive or negative, should be reported to the NHS via the following website <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Guidance regarding self-testing can be found on our Youtube Channel or via the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3GAwK2ENjU>

Any student who, for whatever reason, is struggling with home testing has the option to be tested at our WPT site at Cranworth Road. If you would like to request this provision please contact me via my email mturton@rawmarsh.org.

Start, finish and lesson times from 8th March

As we did before Christmas, start and finish times are staggered for each year group, and students are taught lessons within a specific area of the school; their designated *bubble*. This includes year group entrances and exits, specific areas to access our food outlets, and specific areas each year group can use during break times. We will reiterate all expectations with students on 8th March as they return.

Timings of the day

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



Timetables and code of conduct

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of your child's timetable and a 'Code of Conduct' that must be adhered to. Please ensure you and your child read these documents. This will enhance preparation and ensure that, on Monday, everybody is as ready to learn as possible.

Due to the importance of maintaining health and safety for everyone in our school community, failure to follow these rules will be regarded as a serious breach of the school discipline policy. I am prepared to be inflexible in all issues relating to conduct, uniform, and the health and wellbeing of all staff and students. Whilst the measure in place may appear stringent, they are there to protect our students, staff and the community.

Face coverings

As I said in my previous correspondence it is the government's intention that all students and staff should wear face coverings at all times, indoors, where social distancing is not possible. The World Health Organisation advise that "*children aged 12 and over should wear a face covering under the same conditions as adults, in particular when they cannot guarantee at least a 1-metre distance from others and there is widespread transmission in the area. Where pupils and students in year 7 and above are educated, we recommend that **face coverings should be worn by staff, pupils and 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 do not need to be worn by pupils and students when outdoors on the premises. In addition, we now also recommend that in those settings where pupils and **students in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn in classrooms and during activities unless social distancing can be maintained.** 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.*"

All students, except those who are medically exempt, must arrive at school on Monday 8th March with a face covering. We must support one another with this, that is the Rawmarsh Way.

With this in mind I think it appropriate to explain that all students should follow World Health Organisation recommendations and therefore:

- Face coverings should be worn when walking around the site and in communal areas in line with existing arrangements prior to Christmas
- Face coverings should now be worn in classrooms in line with DFE and government advice and guidance

Exceptions to face covering rulings:

- Students who are medically exempt
- During practical PE lessons
- Lessons taking place outside
- Outside during break times
- When eating in communal areas

Other relevant information you may need to know include the following:

- Students must attend school in their PE kit on days they have PE. Compliance with Rawmarsh PE kit is a direct indicator of a student that is on message and my staff should not be spending their time chasing students and contacting parents for those not in correct uniform.
- Lateral Flow testing will continue for students whose parents have consented to them receiving a test. This will operate from Monday 8th March to Friday 12th March.
- If any member of your family displays symptoms of COVID-19, students must not come to school. Please inform the school and self-isolate according to government guidelines.
- Any positive test results must be reported to school in a timely manner.

After 8 challenging weeks of remote learning, my staff and I are excited by the prospect of returning to face to face teaching. Whilst I am so very proud of our remote provision and our students' engagement, there is no substitute for on-site learning and on-site teaching. We all, staff, students and families, have risen to the challenge of the school closure by working hard and never giving less than our best. We must continue to do so in a way that has come to become second nature to us all; the Rawmarsh Way.

Yours faithfully

Matthew Turton
Headteacher