



# Knowsley Council

24<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you all had a relaxing half term holiday.

Following on from the Prime Minister's announcement earlier this week, I am delighted to be able to welcome back all secondary school pupils in a phased return from Monday 8 March.

Throughout this pandemic, our schools have continually been reviewing their risk assessments to provide safe learning environments and this process is on-going to ensure risk assessments follow the Government's most recent guidelines.

If there are any changes, we will inform you before 8 March, but in the meantime, our schools will be continuing with their COVID-secure arrangements which include staggered start and pick up times, encouraging regular hand washing and enhanced cleaning regimes in the school.

Two notable changes announced by the Prime Minister is pupils and staff in Year 7 and above are advised to wear face covering indoors

In addition, from Monday 8 March, secondary schools will operate testing for people who do not have symptoms. This will identify people who have the virus but do not have any symptoms.

In Knowsley, there will be a phased return for pupils during week commencing 8 March. Your school will be in direct contact with you to confirm arrangements.

Pupils will be offered a Lateral Flow test on a pupil's first day back at school. Tests are voluntary, they are self-administered, and the results are normally returned within 30 minutes. Two tests will be offered in the first week at school, a further test in the second week and then home testing kits will be available for pupils to carry out twice-weekly tests at home. Further information about testing can be found in the attached leaflet.

Head Teachers, teachers and all school staff are very much looking forward to seeing everyone during week commencing 8 March.

Thank you once again for your continued support and co-operation.

Yours faithfully

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