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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted that we are **welcoming students back onto the school site on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. It will be great to actually see the school full of students, having their lessons back in their classrooms. I want to also thank you all for your role ensuring that your child/children have been actively engaging with their online lessons throughout this lockdown. Most of the previous Covid measures that were in place prior to Christmas will resume again from Monday. The exception to this is the guidance surrounding wearing face masks inside school. Following the guidance we are now strongly recommending that all students wear face masks when they are inside the building; this includes classrooms. To help with this we are offering all students and staff an optional reusable face mask on their first day back into school. These are not considered as PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and should be used alongside the guidance of Hands, Face & Space. A reminder of the other measures in place in school are listed below:

#### **What school will be like from the 8<sup>th</sup> March:**

- All measures that were in place before Christmas will resume again.
- When in school students will follow the normal safety procedures around hygiene, handwashing and distance as before. 'Hands-Face-Space' and all of the other precautionary measures that we have in place on-site for the safety of all will remain.
- Students are remaining in their year group bubbles and playground spaces.
- Students must bring more than one mask to school, so they can change it during the day.
- Masks will be worn in all communal areas and within the school buildings. Following the guidance from the DfE we are strongly recommending that students also wear face masks during their lessons in classrooms. I am aware that many students chose to do this previously but this is now a recommendation for all students, except those who are medically exempt. Students do not need to wear a mask during PE, when they have sat down to eat in the canteen (masks need to be worn in the queue) or when they are outside at break or lunch.
- Students should access school at the normal times of the day and through their normal year group entrances wearing full school uniform.
- PE kit (including black joggers) can only be worn on the day/s students have a practical PE lesson. Due to testing, all practical PE lessons will be outside for the first week back.

#### **Lateral Flow Testing**

This week, we have conducted hundreds of Lateral Flow (Covid) Tests each day for our students and staff, ready for the safe return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup>. The students' timekeeping for these tests has been exemplary, so please pass on our thanks. I would particularly like to acknowledge and thank the staff who have undergone training and worked tirelessly to conduct these tests. These are not things we ever thought we would be doing as a school, but I am extremely proud of our staff and their commitment to our students' safety. Every student with consent will be tested for a third time next week when students are back in school. Students will be notified of their appointment slot by their tutor and class teachers. Once this third test is over we will not be routinely testing students in school, based on current guidance. Students with consent will be issued with home testing kits to bring home to use. More guidance will follow about these home testing kits later next week.



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## **Covid Cases and Isolation**

Please can I remind you all that students must stay at home and book a Covid test if they show any symptoms of Covid 19 (high temperature above 37.8 °C, continuous dry cough or a loss of the sense of taste and/or smell). If anyone in your child's household has symptoms, your child also needs to remain at home until that family member's negative test result is received or after the 10 days of self-isolation has been completed in the event of a positive test. If your child tests positive please ensure that you contact the school immediately (including over the weekend or during school holiday) please email our Academy Manager on [tbartley@emmanuel.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:tbartley@emmanuel.nottingham.sch.uk) including the following details:

- Child's name and tutor group
- Date of first symptoms
- Date of test
- Date of positive test result
- Screen shot of the NHS test result

## **Attendance**

School attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from 8 March. As always we are keen to work with you to secure your child's regular attendance at school, so please do contact your child's Year Leader or the Attendance Officer (Rochelle Ricketts) if you need to discuss anything that might be getting in the way of their attendance. If your child is unable to attend due to being Clinically Extremely Vulnerable, please can you provide a copy of the shielding letter to confirm that they have been advised not to attend school whilst shielding guidance is in place. Please remember to call school if your child will be absent, before 7.30am (or as soon as possible), each day that they are absent to let us know the reason for their absence. Can you also please ring if your child is having to self-isolate due to waiting for a test result or due to exposure with a positive Covid 19 case.

## **Year 11 and Post 16 Summer Exams**

The government has now issued guidance on how to assess this summer's GCSE, vocational and A Level courses. Like all schools, we are working out how this will impact our students. Our plan will be shared with students when they return to school. Mr Saunders, Mr Irons and Mrs Tickle will be providing a further letter home communicating more details on the evidence which is going to be used to generate these grades.

## **Access Cards and Lunch**

Please ensure that students bring their Access Card into school. Lunch accounts need to be topped up via ParentMail as students currently have restricted access to the machines in school.

## **Buses**

To reduce congestion on the buses and trams, the Sharpes buses will be running after school again from Monday. The buses will leave at 3:20pm one will go to Clifton and another to the City Centre. On a Thursday the buses will leave at 2:20pm and then 3:20pm. These buses are free of charge.

Finally, we are aware that students may feel anxious about the return to school. Please do everything you can to reassure your child that school is a safe place, especially when everyone follows our routines and meets our expectations. Remind them that we have been open for critical worker and vulnerable students all term, and they have remained safe, healthy and happy.

Thank you once again for your continued support as we strive to ensure your child's education is without compromise and they remain safe.

Yours faithfully



Mrs S. Stapleton  
Principal