

25 February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re. Return to school/testing

We will be resuming normal schooling for all children face to face from Monday, 8 March 2021. Your child is expected to be in school in full uniform on this date, unless they are classed as extremely clinically vulnerable.

We will be maintaining a COVID-19 safe environment, based on the same arrangements that were in place in the Autumn term, on our site. We are really looking forward to seeing your child again. I will be sending out a letter early next week with full details regarding this.

In accordance with the government's guidance on the return of students to school we are arranging for tests to be carried out at the school next week.

If you would like your child to be tested, you must fill in the [consent form](#) here and submit it no later than 12 noon, Tuesday 2 March 2021.

Note: if you consent to testing, your child will be tested 3 times in total and will then receive 2 testing kits a week (for the foreseeable future) for you to administer at home. You will also be expected to upload your child's home testing results to NHS Test and Trace and inform the school if the test is positive.

The testing arrangements at The Cumberland School are as follows:

Students should arrive via the Oban Close entrance and queue, if required, outside the Sports Hall (where the test will be done). They will need to maintain social distancing, bring and wear a mask. They do not have to be in uniform on this day. Parents will not be allowed to accompany their child when they have their test.

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Students testing timetable

If you have given your consent for your child to have a test please see the information below which explains when they need to attend the school site to have their first test:

Year	Date	Day	Time (arrive between)
Year 7	3 March 2021	Wednesday	9.00am -11.45am
Year 8	5 March 2021	Friday	9.00am -11.45am
Year 9	4 March 2021	Thursday	12.50pm - 3.30pm
Year 10	4 March 2021	Thursday	9.00am -11.45am
Year 11	3 March 2021	Wednesday	12.50pm - 3.30pm

Your child will be in school for approximately 15 minutes and, after being tested, your child **must go straight home** and maintain social distancing throughout their journey home.

We expect to have the results of their test in 24 hours. We will only contact you if the test is positive. If you do not hear from us, it means your child has tested negative. Children with a positive test will not be allowed to come to school until they have taken a confirmatory test which will be supplied by the NHS.

Remote learning will not take place when the testing for each year group is taking place (see below)

Year	Date	Day	Testing time (virtual lessons will not be delivered)	Lessons that will be delivered on each testing day for each year group
Year 7	3 March 2021	Wednesday	Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4	Lessons 5, 6 and 7
Year 8	5 March 2021	Friday	Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4	
Year 9	4 March 2021	Thursday	Lessons 5, 6 and 7	Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4
Year 10	4 March 2021	Thursday	Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4	Lessons 5, 6 and 7
Year 11	3 March 2021	Wednesday	Lessons 5, 6 and 7	Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4

Remote learning will continue as normal at all other times during the week. Students are expected to log into their lessons and submit work as they have been doing.

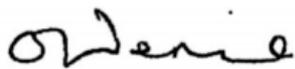
Students that have attended school during this lockdown period should continue to come to school next week as they have been doing.

Students who are not being tested, or have not had permission to be in school for their virtual learning lessons, should NOT attend school / accompany any other student onto the school site until we all return on 8 March 2021.

If you do not wish your child to be tested, you only need to ensure your child arrives at school in full school uniform on Monday 8 March 2021 at the staggered start time allocated to their year group. This information will be detailed in the letter I send to you early next week.

As always, I want to thank you for your ongoing support during this time. I am looking forward very much to seeing all our students back in school, learning.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'O Deria', written in a cursive style.

Mr O Deria
Headteacher