



PWS/DB

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all keeping well during what continues to be a very tough year, however, we might be seeing hope on the horizon.

Further to my letter dated 26 February, I would like to expand on some of the wider aspects of the school's plan for full attendance. Once more we will be following the National guidance focusing on **Hands- Face- Space and Ventilate** as well as continuing to operate a system of Year Group bubbles. We will also continue to operate the one-way system around school as well as specific toilets for specific year groups.

I have outlined several key points relating to our return below and I hope this will address any questions or concerns you may have.

Staggered Starts: We are so looking forward to welcoming the children in the week beginning the 8th March. The table below is a reminder of the schedule for the beginning of next week.

All key worker and vulnerable students who have attended school since January can continue to attend school through the week.

Monday 8 th March	Tuesday 9 th March	Wednesday 10 th March
COVID testing for Year 10 (students only attend for their test).	In school COVID testing for Year 11 and Year 7 (students only attend for their test).	In school COVID testing for Year 8 And Year 9 (students only attend for their test).
Home-based remote learning in place 9, 11.	All of Year 10 are in school following their normal timetable.	All of Year 7, 10 & 11 are in school following their normal timetables.
Home-based wellbeing activities in place for Year 10.	Home-based remote learning in place for Year 8 and Year 9.	Home-based wellbeing activities in place for Year 8 and Year 9.
Key worker and vulnerable students in school for Y7, 8, 9, 10 & 11.	Home-based wellbeing activities in place for Years 11 & Year 7.	Key worker and vulnerable students and 8.
	Key worker and vulnerable students in school for Y7, Y8, Y9 & Y11.	

On the day of first testing students will need to arrive during the time slots sent out yesterday to parents & carers. We have also included a reminder of these times in this bulletin.

All students attending school whether for their first test or as part of the key worker & vulnerable bubbles, **must wear full school uniform**. If parents are experiencing difficulties with school uniform, then please contact the relevant HOY.

Testing: We have updated our COVID 19 section on the website to include further information about the Lateral Flow Tests. Please take some time to review the resources on <https://bhsweb.co.uk/covid-19>.

Catering: The kitchens will be opening fully from 8th March. We are in discussions with the catering company about their offer following parental and pupil feedback on both quantity and quality. Our Breakfast Club provision will be available from 15th March in the Refectory for students arriving early to school.

Uniform: All pupils are expected to wear full school uniform whenever they are on the school site. I am aware that your child may have grown during lockdown and you may need new shoes or other aspects of uniform, especially if they have shot up in height.

If there is an aspect of uniform we can help with, let us know. Any questions on uniform should be directed to the relevant Head of Year. You can also contact the local uniform shop Davensport on 0161 483 3005 for assistance with uniform.

Please ensure students arrive to adhering to our simple uniform expectations:

- Blazer
- School Tie.
- Appropriate Trousers – no jeans.
- Appropriate Footwear – no trainers.
- Appropriate school skirts – no bodycon or rolled up and at a decent length.
- No Hoodies/black jumpers with a logo on them.
- Jewellery – one pair of stud earrings. No rings, bracelets, or facial piercings.

Due to the requirement of ventilating classrooms students will be allowed to wear their coats in classrooms for extra warmth. This is only up until the Easter break.

Additionally, if students have taken this opportunity to colour their hair or have a hairstyle that would be inappropriate for school, they should rectify this before they return. Once again please contact the relevant HOY if you think this will be an issue for your child. The school rules on makeup and painted nails remain the same and we ask that students remove coloured nail polish and any false nails before they return.

Behaviour Expectations: All expectations remain the same. Students are expected to be polite and respectful and to demonstrate the characteristics of The Bramhall Way.

Attendance: School attendance is now expected unless a student has received a shielding letter as they are clinically extremely vulnerable, it is imperative that you advise us of this.

Dropping off and picking up at school: Please keep respectful distance from others at the start and end of school. In addition, please be aware that surrounding area of the school can become extremely congested. Can I advise parents and carers to stagger the collection of their children? The roads around the school are a lot quieter 5 to 10 minutes after the end of school.

Visitors to site: We want to avoid visitors on site as much as possible. Those who do have permission to enter site will need to abide by all our safety protocols. Parents are encouraged to communicate via phone or email.

Equipment: All children must bring their own equipment with them. Where staff do provide children with equipment, this will have been disinfected and/or not have been used for the previous 48 hours (72 hours in the case of plastic).

Mobile Phones: Our rules regarding this have not changed – students can bring them to school, but they must be out of sight throughout the entire day or they will be confiscated. The only exception to this will be when students are using their mobile phone to register for their second and third Lateral Flow Tests during their Core Time.

Return to normal school day: We will continue to operate the staggered breaks and lunchtimes during the day. At the end students will be dismissed by year group from 2.55pm. In order to reintegrate students back into school and to facilitate the registration process for the LFD tests we will be extending morning Core Time by 15mins for the first week.

Arrival to school: Please ensure students arrive promptly through the correct entrance:

Year 11: To come into school via the Main Reception then go directly to your Core Tutor room.

Year 10: To come into school via the footpath leading into the Dome and then go directly to your Core Tutor room.

Year 9: To come into school via the Student Reception and through the left-hand doors and use the left-hand staircase then go directly to your Core Tutor room.

Year 8: To come into school via the main front area and follow the pathway down into the Dome and then go directly to your Core Tutor room.

Year 7: To come into school via the Student Reception using the right-hand side doors /stairway and go directly to your Core Tutor room.

Face Coverings: You will be aware that the Government is now strongly recommending the short-term use of face coverings in lessons as well as at social times and in corridors.

As an extra safety measure a student should be wearing their face masks when they enter or exit their classroom. Once settled and facing the front in a well-ventilated classroom a student can then remove their mask for a short period of time. This can only be done when any adult is 2m away. If a member of staff requests a student to put their mask back on again after an appropriate time, they should do this without question.

Overall, I have asked staff to be understanding regarding the wearing of coverings in lessons and recognise that if a child is uncomfortable or needs a break from wearing a mask, they can then remove them for short periods of time.

The exceptions to this are if students are eating or drinking inside the building or if they have a medical exemption. Students and staff will be allowed to remove the face covering when they are outdoors as long as they have safe distance from each other. Students will also be allowed to remove face coverings when taking part in PE. If you feel your child is exempt from wearing a face covering please email the relevant HOY.

Staff will also be wearing face coverings when they teach inside their classrooms. Teachers may remove their masks inside the classroom to teach as long as they remain socially distanced from the students at all times. Staff and pupils have been operating in classrooms with face coverings on since January already.

Transport and School Buses: I understand that all school buses will be running as normal from the 8th March. For those that use private taxis or private buses, please ensure you check with your provider. If pupils are symptomatic or test positive, they will not be able to use school transport. Face coverings must be worn unless there is a medical exemption.

Work at Home: We will now return to a system where some students may have to self-isolate at home. Teaching staff will continue to provide a remote version of the work covered by the rest of the class in school. Please note that staff are teaching face-to-face lessons and therefore will be unable to deliver 'live' MS Teams sessions for those students working at home. The 'live' MS Teams sessions will come to an end on Friday 5 March. All remote work will be available under the 'Posts' section of MS Teams, including any attached resources. This may also include links to online resources such as Oak National Academy. Each piece of work will be clearly labelled as 'Work from Home' and only students self-isolating are required to complete this.

Homework: The priority for teaching and learning until Easter will be the return to face-to-face teaching. Optional extension tasks to complete at home will be available for all students to consolidate their learning. These will again be available in the 'Posts' section of each MS Team. Each one will be titled 'Extension Task', to differentiate it from the work from home section.

I would like to finish by thanking all of you in advance. I know many of you may be nervous and your children even more so. We are really looking forward to having our school community together again. The determination and resolve from everyone to get through the lockdown has been truly amazing. It is important that we remain vigilant at this critical stage and we will do all we can to ensure that students have a smooth reintegration back into school life.

Our focus once again will be about repairing and rebuilding routines, supporting students reintegrate and re-establishing relationships. I have no doubt that we will encounter some challenges and frustrations along the way but by working together in the interests of the safety of all students and staff we will overcome them. Please remember at the moment education remains secondary and health and safety is the paramount consideration.

Once again, a huge thank you for your continued support and I shall be in touch regularly with further information as required.

Take care & stay safe.



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