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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to you to give you an update from this week in preparation for everyone's return to school next week.

Mr Jones

Mr Jones continues to be unwell, but is making slow but steady progress. I am sure that you wish him a speedy recovery.

Website

The new website is now live. Our website address is <https://nsg.kevibham.org>

I will keep you informed regarding our future changes in regard to email addresses and phone numbers. Thank you for your understanding here, some things are not under our control.

Returning to School – week of 8th March 2021

In line with government guidance to ensure that we return in a Covid safe manner for everyone and to allow us to induct students into the new school we are staggering the return as follows:

Monday 8th March
Yr11 – 9.10am

Tuesday 9th March
Yr9 – 9.10am
Yr 7 – 12noon

Wednesday 10th March
Yr10 – 9.00am
Yr8 – 12noon

Key Worker Students

As each year group returns, then the key worker students should re-join their year group. Therefore, the final day of key worker year group provision is:

Yr 11 - Friday 5th March,

Yrs 7 and 9 – Monday 8th March

Yrs 10 and 8 – Tuesday 9th March.

Teams Lessons / Screen Free Tuesday – Yr10 and Yr8

Whilst some year groups return to school, those students remaining at home on Monday 8th March are expected to join their Teams lessons as normal. On Tuesday Yr10 and Yr8 have been set a Screen Free Day by Mrs Reeves.

Normal Start / End Times Reminder

Yr 11 - from Wednesday 10th March onwards- arrive at 9.05am, leave at 3.10pm

Yr 10 - from Thursday 11th March onwards- arrive at 8.55am, leave at 3.05pm

Yr 9 - from Wednesday 10th March onwards- arrive at 8.50am, leave at 3.00pm

Yr 8 - from Thursday 11th March onwards- arrive at 8.45am, leave at 2.55pm

Yr 7- from Wednesday 10th March onwards- arrive at 8.40am, leave at 2.45pm

Headteacher: Mr Neil Jones



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Covid Testing for Students

The first Covid Test went smoothly this week until the Government website crashed late Friday morning. I think that the sheer numbers across the country being tested have put huge strains on the system. However, we did manage to carry on with the testing despite this set back. We will endeavour to register the tests for those students impacted by this evening and tomorrow morning. However, if the website is still down by tomorrow afternoon, some Year 8 parents may not receive their notification from Track and Trace. **I can report that we have had no positive cases.**

The second test will take place on the first day of your child's return to school, and then the final in-school test will be from Thursday – Monday 15th March during the normal school day. After these in-school Covid tests have been completed, we will be issuing the home test-kits each Friday for twice weekly home testing.

Covid Tests for Parents

Home Test kits are available for parents and adults in households with children at school. To get a kit you can:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site (we are not a test site)
- by ordering a home test kit online

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Facemasks in Schools – new Government regulations

The government announced last week that facemasks should be worn in and around school at all times and inside the classroom. Please ensure that your child has their own facemask where possible.

Yr11 Exams / Centre Assessed Grades

As you are already aware, the government have announced that Year 11 will not be sitting exams this year, but will have a set of results as assessed by their teachers. We are currently putting our plans in place for arriving at our Centre Assessed Grades and I will be in touch as soon as these are finalised.

Enjoy your weekend.

best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jacqueline Hall'.

Jacqueline Hall
Acting Headteacher