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Dear Parent/carers

**RE: Re-opening of Longhill High School from the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

I hope that you are all staying safe and are well. I write to you today following yesterday's announcement from the Prime Minister regarding the positive news that schools are to fully open from 8 March 2021.

Phased return and Testing

There will be a phased return for students during week beginning 8 March to allow for all students to be tested prior to attending school. This is likely to be one or two year groups a day from Monday 8 March. I will write to you on Monday 1 March with further details.

In the meantime, please complete the consent form for your child to take the test when they return to school. If you have already completed this form, you do not need to recomplete.

<https://forms.gle/3W64r2114xiJTakR8>

After the initial test, students will be tested a further two times in school and after that you will be provided with rapid tests to use at home.

Symptoms and self-isolation

As always, following NHS and government guidance, any student that experiences symptoms of coronavirus please inform the school, self-isolate and get tested.

Face masks

Students will **have** to wear face coverings in classrooms, other teaching spaces and the corridors unless wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE lessons. May I remind you that students must wear face coverings on school and public buses.

Uniform

Full school uniform is expected to be worn at all times. Students need to be prepared for the classrooms to be well ventilated as this is part of the government guidance to all schools.

Food

The school will continue to provide healthy school meals at lunch and break. Please can I remind you to top up your Squid accounts and ensure that pupils bring in their own water to drink during the day.

### Behaviour

As normal, we will be expecting exceptional behaviour from our students and any students choosing not to adhere to the safety measures and protocol will be sanctioned appropriately. I ask you to talk to your child about the importance of keeping themselves and others safe.

### Bubbles

Students will continue to be in their year group bubbles as we were before this lockdown. Students are not to be in school or on school grounds prior to 8:10am. They are to enter the building through their designated entrance and have their temperature checked.

### Attendance

All students are required and expected to attend school unless they are unwell or self-isolating.

I hope that this is the last lockdown we experience and that we can all now concentrate on moving forward with regards to your children's education and their future success.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our students/ your children back into school.

As I mentioned above I will write to you again on 1 March.

Take care



Kate Williams

**Headteacher**