

24 February 2021

Dear Families

I trust you had a lovely family half term break.

As you are aware the Government have announced a return to schools from the 8 March 2021. You will have received a letter from Sir Nick Weller, our CEO yesterday.

Mrs Greenwood and I will write to you on Monday the 1 March with specific details of our re-opening plan for the 8 March onward.

The government have announced that secondary schools will offer Lateral Flow Tests for Covid-19 to all secondary and Post 16 age students from Monday the 8 March. For students the first three tests will be conducted on-site to allow supervision and support to students with the process.

Following the third on-site test students will be provided with home testing kits. The home test kits will allow students to self-administer tests twice weekly from home.

In order to participate in the voluntary testing you must complete the consent form on our website.

We are asking all families to complete this form to indicate if you consent to your child participating or not.

The lateral flow Covid-19 is not compulsory and is optional. The aim of testing is to break the chain of transmission of Covid-19.

Please complete the form on our website, <https://www.dixonsaa.com/about/testingconsent> by **Sunday the 28 February 2021** to allow us time to prepare for testing and the wider reopening of our academy from Monday the 8 March 2021.

Yours sincerely



C Skelding
Executive Principal



