

# Sponne School

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Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Year 12 and 13 Parents/Carers and Students

## **RE: Spring Term Update 6: Reopening of Schools**

I am so looking forward to seeing you all again and to being able to have face-to-face lessons starting again at Sponne. As explained in my letter last week we have been asked to put mass testing in place at school and ensure that the first test takes place before students return to lessons with three tests completed in total before home testing is allowed.

This is logistically very challenging and therefore we need your support to enable this to happen. In order to focus on the testing of younger students next week, we would like to invite Sixth Form students to come in and have their first test on Thursday and Friday this week. This will allow you to return to lessons on your allocated days (Year 13 on Monday and Year 12 on Wednesday) without needing a further test and we would schedule tests 2 and 3 later that week and in the week after. If you have tested positive for coronavirus in the previous 90 days you will not need to test until this period of time has expired. If this is the case can you please let me know.

In order to facilitate this you will need to create an account on the Government site and I have enclosed an instructions sheet for this. This only takes a few minutes to do but if you have already completed this it will speed up the process at school.

Could you please arrive at school and make your way straight to the Hollick Hall maintaining your social distance from others and wearing a mask at the following times:

Surnames A-B: 9 am Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Surnames C-D: 10 am Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Surnames E-H: 11 am Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Surnames I-L: 1 pm Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Surnames M-O: 9 am Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Surnames P-R: 10 am Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Surnames S-U: 11 am Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Surnames V-Z: 1 pm Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March

If you have received your first test then on your first day back to school you should make your way to the school hall where the sixth form team will be available to see you during period 1 (Year 13 on Monday and Year 12 on Wednesday). Lessons will resume as usual from period 2.

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If you have not been able to have this first test then when you arrive at school on your first day you must make your way straight to the Hollick Hall and avoid mixing with others until this has been completed.

A reminder that we have produced a number of guides to help students with these lateral flow tests, one of which can be accessed on YouTube via the following link <https://youtu.be/5oUacyllqQU>. Others can be accessed via the website using the lateral flow test link on the front page. Be reassured that this is an easy process which takes no more than 5 to 10 minutes to complete. However, if you have any queries regarding testing these should be directed to [testing@sponne.org.uk](mailto:testing@sponne.org.uk) and we will respond as soon as we are able.

Face masks will now be compulsory indoors, including in lessons and in the study areas and must be worn at all times except when you are doing PE or sitting down to eat or drink. All of the other control measures that were in place before Christmas will continue to operate including staggered breaks and ends to the day.

For Year 12 students on Monday and Tuesday many school staff will be involved in the testing process and may not be able to attend so many live lessons though work will continue to be set.

As ever, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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

Iain Massey  
Headteacher