



Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Return to school for all year groups - March 2021

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to say that I and all the staff at Brockington College are so proud of the efforts that our young people and their families have made to continue with remote learning. I know that this has been a challenging time for all, and we are continually impressed with the efforts that our students have made. We are equally grateful for the support that our school and wider community has shown in donating laptops for us to distribute to families who need them. This has been such a big help in the support of others, and we are truly grateful to all those who were able to help in this way.

Lateral flow testing

It has taken some logistical planning to determine the best way to safely test 1200 students, and I am pleased to now be able to share with you our detailed plans for the safe return of all students. Thank you all for your very prompt completion of the consent form for the Covid-19 lateral flow testing. There has been a tremendous uptake rate, which is very helpful in protecting all those within the school community and their families. Students are invited to come into school on their designated testing day, at an allocated time, to undertake a test. If you are transporting your child into school for their test, please remain in your car to limit the number of people on site. Students are asked to make their way to the exterior door of the community lounge (which is located next to main reception and will be clearly sign posted) and join the queue, ensuring that they remain socially distanced. Staff will be on duty to support and supervise students at all times. Testing will be self-administered by students, supported carefully by our trained and experienced staff. Once the first test has been completed, students should return home immediately. If the test result is positive or void then you will be contacted by the testing team, otherwise please presume it is negative. If you do not receive a phone call, your child will be able to return to school the following day. The testing and return to lesson dates can be found in the summary timetable below. If your child is not participating in testing, they should return to school with the rest of their year group, on the specific date identified in the table below. Once students have completed three lateral flow tests, they will be offered Covid-19 tests that they should take twice a week at home. More details on home testing and home test kits will follow once students are back in school. Students must wear a face covering when they arrive at school for their first test (unless exempt on medical grounds). For the first test, school uniform is not required as students will be returning home immediately after their test.

	Year 11		Year 10		Year 9		Year 8		Year 7	
First test - come into school to be tested then return home immediately	Friday 5 March		Monday 8 March		Tuesday 9 March		Wednesday 10 March		Thursday 11 March	
Timeslot for each form group	9.00	11B	9.00	10B	9.00	9B	9.00	8B	9.00	7B
	9.45	11R	9.45	10R	9.45	9R	9.45	8R	9.45	7R
	10.30	11O	10.30	10O	10.30	9O	10.30	8O	10.30	7O
	11.15	11C	11.15	10C	11.15	9C	11.15	8C	11.15	7C
	12.15	11K	12.15	10K	12.15	9K	12.15	8K	12.15	7K
	13.00	11I	13.00	10I	13.00	9I	13.00	8I	13.00	7I
	13.45	11N	13.45	10N	13.45	9N	13.45	8N	13.45	7N
14.30	11G	14.30	10G	14.30	9G	14.30	8G	14.30	7G	
First day back in school following a negative test for lessons	Monday 8 March		Tuesday 9 March		Wednesday 10 March		Thursday 11 March		Friday 12 March	



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Remote learning

The arrangements for remote learning, particularly live lessons, will change in the coming weeks as teachers return to face-to-face delivery. On the day a year group is having their first test there will be no 'live lessons' for that year group; teachers will set remote work for students to complete independently via Google Classroom. This will reduce disruption to the school day, inevitably caused by students coming into school for their tests and the support being provided to enable this by our staff. During the remainder of the week commencing Monday 8 March, there will be a mixture of independent work and live lessons until each year group returns to school. All information will be contained within relevant Google Classrooms.

Critical worker and vulnerable student provision

Vulnerable students and the children of critical workers, already attending school during the lockdown period, will continue to follow their timetable from the 8 March; however, each bubble will be absorbed into their year group as they return to school.

Routines

Rest assured that we are doing everything we can to make sure our students return to school safely. We will ask that all students wear a face covering in classrooms, communal areas and corridors. This is in line with the latest government guidance for schools. All routines and procedures in school will remain as they were from September to Christmas; the best way to prevent the spread of Covid-19 is good hygiene and we will be expecting students to continue to follow the rules relating to this. Sanitising stations remain outside every classroom and students should wash/sanitise their hands before leaving for school, throughout the day including at the start of every lesson, before breaks and lunchtimes and before and after eating. As before Christmas:

- students are requested not to arrive on site before 8.20am and to assemble for 8.30am in their designated areas
- students will continue to be taught in year group bubbles within their year group zone
- the school canteen will be available for students to purchase a range of food options at break and lunch times; students will be expected to go to their outside space as soon as they have finished eating to allow for cleaning to take place
- all students will be dismissed from site between 2.50pm and 3.05pm.

Equipment

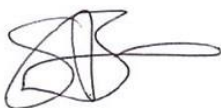
All students will need to remember to bring their equipment with them when they return to school. Especially important is that students remember to bring any exercise books or texts books they may have at home. For example, in English students need to bring the text books and poetry books they have been issued with over lockdown, as they will need these in lessons upon return. All students are expected to return to school in full uniform, including a face covering, unless exempt.

Year 10 students, parents/carers

I know that many of you will be asking whether there are any national plans for the current year 10 students regarding their courses due to be completed in 2022, following the disruption they have faced. We have had initial confirmation that the Department for Education and Ofqual (the regulatory exam body) have already started to look at this issue. Although there is no further information at this point, we are reassured to know that there is a recognition by the government of the impact that lockdowns will have had on this year group and that they are planning to mitigate this in some way next year.

Please be assured that our staff are here to support you and your child, and we are really looking forward to welcoming them back to school. If you or your child have any queries about returning to school, or if you think your child might need extra support when they return, please do not hesitate to get in touch via admin@brockington.leics.sch.uk or 0116 2863722.

As always, thank you for your continued support and understanding.



Sadie Batstone
Principal

