



To Aspire, Endeavour and Thrive Together

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all safe, well and looking forward to the full opening of school next week. I thought it might be helpful to confirm the arrangements for students' return from 8th March onwards, and to communicate some changes since our letter last week. I hope this letter gives you a useful summary, I would be very grateful if you could sit down with your son/daughter and talk them through this overview in preparation for their arrival at school.

Staggered return

Please see below the days your child will have their first Covid test, and when their return to a face to face timetable will be:

Year Group	Test 1 Date: students attend school ONLY for their test	Return to normal timetable
7	Tuesday 9.3.21	Wednesday 10.3.21
8	8ABO, 8ABW, 8AHA, 8SCO: Tuesday 9.3.21 8CKW, 8HNE, 8JWA, 8MHA, 8STA: Wednesday 10.3.21	8ABO, 8ABW, 8AHA, 8SCO: Wednesday 10.3.21 8CKW, 8HNE, 8JWA, 8MHA, 8STA: Thursday 11.3.21
9	Wednesday 10.3.21	Friday 12.3.21
10	Monday 8.3.21	Tuesday 9.3.21
11	Monday 8.3.21	Tuesday 9.3.21
12	Tuesday 9.3.21	Wednesday 10.3.21
13	13a: Monday 8.3.21 13b: Tuesday 9.3.21	13a: Tuesday 9.3.21 13b: Wednesday 10.3.21

If you have not already done so, please complete the consent form for your child. Students 16 or over can self-consent. Even if you do not consent, we require you to complete the form. Your child cannot take a test in school unless you have consented to them doing so.

<https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/covidconsent/>

You should now have received an email with the time for your child's test, along with additional details they need in advance of arriving to school. Please email info@glossopdale.school if you do not know your child's test time or have any other questions regarding the testing.

Please refer to the testing page of our website for details, a video and images of our own testing centre: <https://glossopdale.school/Student-Covid-19-Testing-programme/>

The following video from the BBC may also be helpful in talking through the process with your child: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av-embeds/56250995/vpid/p098f45s>



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Home testing

We will communicate details of the home testing (due to start w/c 22nd March) next week.

Start/end of day arrangements

A reminder of the updated times for the start and end of the school day starting Tuesday 9th March.

	Line up	Assembly point	Enter	Leave	Exit
Y7	8:40	Inside the Heart	8:45	14:55	Conservatory
Y8	8:45	Outside the conservatory	8:50	15:00	Conservatory
Y9	8:40	Outside the Global Studies classrooms	8:45	14:55	End of Global Studies corridor
Y10	8:45	On the tennis courts	8:50	14:55	Green or Purple doors depending on the day.
Y11	8:40	Outside the Technology area	8:45	15:00	

Face masks: update

The DfE have updated their guidance since our last letter. We also understand that many students and parents have concerns around face masks in classrooms. We now **strongly encourage** students to wear face masks in lessons, in order to minimise the risk of transmission to their peers. We will continue to expect all students and staff to wear face masks around the building when they are transitioning between lessons, when queuing in the canteen and when they cannot maintain 2m distance from others.

Students who repeatedly refuse to wear a mask outside the classroom will be sanctioned and parents will be contacted. If you feel that your child should be exempt from wearing a mask, please contact your child's Year Manager; we may require medical evidence.

Practicalities and preparation for returning

It has been nearly 3 months since the vast majority of students were in school. In order to support their return, please take time this week to check that the following are in order:

- **Uniform:** Please ensure that your son/daughter's uniform still fits. We will expect full compliance with our uniform policy.
- **Stationery:** All students should have a full stationery kit; pens/pencils/ruler/calculator. It may prove useful if you could ask them to put together their pencil case in preparation for return just to check that they have everything.
- **School Shoes:** Normal rules will apply to school shoes. Your son/daughter may wish to take an opportunity this week to re-wear them in. Please ensure that your child has the correct school shoes. If you need any support please do not hesitate to contact the relevant year manager.
- **Hair and Make-Up:** We do not allow extremes of hair and/or make-up styles. Please ensure that your son/daughter is in a position to be compliant to our hair and make-up guidelines by Monday 8th March. For example, nail polish must be removed.



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- **Jewellery:** Please ensure your son/daughter complies with our expectations for jewellery as they may have been used to wearing more of it during lockdown. For example, no facial piercings, rings or bracelets are permitted. The only jewellery that may be worn is: one pair of studs in the lower ear (not sleepers) and a watch.

Year 11 and 13 Assessments and Exams

We have written separately to parents of Year 11 students to clarify the outcome of the Ofqual consultation. The letter is on our website here:

https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/docs/Y11_Letter_3_3_21.pdf

If you have any questions, please email Mr. Clark or Ms. Smith. For Y13 queries, please email Mrs. Flaherty.

Finally, as we enter what we hope will be the last full week of remote learning for all students at Glossopdale School and nationally, I would like to extend my thank you to you as parents for the unprecedented support that you have provided over the last weeks and months. We fully understand the strain that remote learning can have on families and we know that you have been doing your utmost, often going above and beyond, to ensure that your children are engaged, informed and maintaining the routines that they need to embed their learning. We hope that we will not be in this position again but it has been hugely reassuring to know that we have a community of parents and carers who fully support the school's goals.

Yours faithfully

Debbie McGloin