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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the Government's recent announcement and guidance regarding the return to face-to-face education on the 8th March, I would like to outline our plans to ensure a safe return. Firstly, we intend to test all pupils and staff at our on-site testing facility. Your child will be required to have three lateral-flow tests during the first two weeks back at school. We will allocate your child a specific time-slot for their first test. **Your child should only come to school at their allocated test date and time. If the test is negative, they will start school on the following day. You will only be contacted if the test is positive. If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days, would you please make the school aware of this before testing.**

Please note the date and time below that your child (in full school uniform) needs to attend school for their first test:

Monday 8th March

10.00 am Year 11 Test 1 (BK1,MC1,DX1,KL1)

11.15 am Year 11 Test 1 (BK2,MC2,DX2,KL2)

13.00 pm - 15.00 pm Year 13 Test 1

Tuesday 9th March

09.00 am Year 10 Test 1 (BK1,MC1,DX1,KL1)

10.00 am Year 10 Test 1 (BK2,MC2,DX2,KL2)

12.40 pm Year 12 Test 1

Wednesday 10th March

09.00 am Year 9 Test 1 (BK1,MC1,DX1,KL1, BK3)

10.00 am Year 9 Test 1 (BK2,MC2,DX2,KL2)

12.40 pm Year 8 Test 1 (BK1,MC1,DX1,KL1, BK3)

13.40 pm Year 8 Test 1 (BK2,MC2,DX2,KL2)

Thursday 11th March

09.00 am Year 7 Test 1 (BK1,MC1,DX1,KL1, BK3)

10.00 am Year 7 Test 1 (BK2,MC2,DX2,KL2, KL3)

Friday 12th March

Normal school day for all pupils who have negative test results.

The following bullet points should clarify the procedures.

- A new consent form will be sent to you next week via email, to be completed and returned online as soon as possible and before your child returns for their test.
- Your child must arrive on time and on the correct date **in full school uniform** and should avoid close fraternisation with other pupils, maintaining social distancing. Masks must be worn.
- The test is a lateral-flow test and the swab is only placed in the nasal cavity. Once your child has been tested they must go straight home.
- We will only contact you if your child's test is positive. We will then explain what you will need to do.
- If you are not contacted, then your child will be required to be in school the following day to start as normal. School will be open from 7.30am. Registration is at 08.50am
- While your child is waiting for their test, they are to continue their online learning at home on Microsoft TEAMS and Show My Homework. There will be no online lessons on the day of their test.

- Once your child has received a negative test, they will continue to be in school. We will be carrying out 2 more tests in school over the following week.
- The schedule for testing can be found on the school's website see link <https://www.stthomasmoreschool.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=343&type=pdf>
- If your child misses a test, we can re-arrange for the test to be carried out at a later date. Please contact parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk
- After your child has had their three tests in school, we will distribute home-testing kits. More information on this will follow.

We will be sharing information with pupils during form time next week, on being COVID-19 safe and the simple and painless testing procedure. We are determined and confident that the school will be safe for all. Therefore, we will continue to implement extra protocols and procedures which include: hand-washing and sanitising, social distancing, staggered lunchtimes and the wearing of masks at all times whilst on site. Masks are available for pupils to purchase from school, 20p for a disposable mask and £2 for a re-usable mask. We expect all pupils to wear a mask. Any contravention of our safety rules is likely to involve a sanction.

I would be grateful if you would ensure that your child's uniform is compliant and that they bring the appropriate equipment to school so that they are ready to start work. Please also check that your child's lunch account is topped up with funds.

The week beginning the 15th March will see the return to a "normal" school life at St Thomas More with Homework club, Evening Prep, 5 o'clock club, Youth club, Period 6 and extra –lesson interventions.

It is normal for children to be feeling a variety of things at this time, please talk through any concerns that they might have. Let us know if we can help in any way.

Yours sincerely



Alex Rosen
Acting Head of School