

1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer,

You will now be aware of the government's directive, that all secondary school students will return to school from the 8th of March. A condition of this is that all students are offered a Lateral Flow COVID test before returning to the classroom.

At King Harold Academy, in line with the majority of schools nationally, we will phase in the return of students across the week beginning 8th March so that all can return fully on the 15th March. The government's intention is that school based testing will only be for a limited period, during which time students will be shown how to conduct the tests themselves. After three school based tests (3-5 days apart), students will then be supplied with home testing kits.

Initial testing will require sufficient time being allocated to talk students through the testing process and this must be carried out in the first instance, before students return to the classroom. Therefore the arrangements for returning during the week beginning 8th March are as follows:

**Monday**

Year 11 in for tests only and leave site

**Tuesday**

Year 11 return to school to start lessons

Year 10 come in for tests only and then return home

**Wednesday**

Year 11 & 10 in lessons

Year 9 return for tests then leave site and return home

**Thursday**

Year 11 & 10 in lessons

Year 8 come in for tests then return home

**Friday**

Year 11 & 10 in lessons

Year 7 testing and returning home

**Monday 15th march all students will return to school**

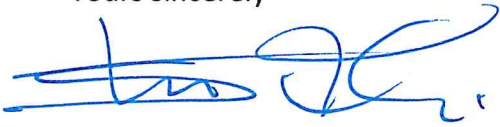
Masks are now mandatory in all indoor communal areas and highly recommended in classrooms.

Testing will be done by form groups and a time slot will be allocated for your child's form group to arrive ready for their test. A further communication containing more precise information on the time that your child will be expected in school will follow.

Students in Years 7, 8 & 9 who have elected not to have a test in school do not need to attend in the week beginning 8th March.

Thank you for your continued support in this process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Fisher', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Steven Fisher  
Executive Headteacher