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23rd February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have all had a restful week and students have enjoyed some downtime from screens.

I have no doubt you will have tuned into the Prime Minister announcing yesterday that the government has set out its plan for the return of all students to school, as part of the roadmap for leaving lockdown. At last there is some good news and we are excited to be welcoming students back to school. Hopefully by the end of June life could resemble some form of normality once again. Plus, with the four stages being announced every five weeks we all have something new to look forward to.

I have also received today the Department for Education's "Schools Coronavirus Operational Guidance" and over the next few days we will start to devise an action plan to allow students to return safely to school. This, of course, will follow the system of controls as set out by the government that we must follow and were prevalent to how the school operated before Christmas. A major requirement for students returning from 8th March is that all students will need to take a coronavirus test and have a negative test result before attending. This initial test will take place before students return and two further tests will take place once students are in school. All the tests will be conducted at either the Olney or Newport Pagnell campus at our already established test centres. All of the staff have been fully trained and have been doing a sterling job testing students and staff who have been in school over the last five weeks. Details of how the tests are conducted will be sent out next week. After this, students will be provided with the rapid flow tests to use each week at home.

Our priority is to get students and staff back into school as soon as possible. However, as per government guidance, not all students will return on March 8th, and to ensure all students and staff return safely, there will be a phased return for staff and all year groups to allow them to be tested before they return. A fully comprehensive plan detailing when your son/daughter will be required for a test, and how the school will operate, which will be similar to term 1, will be provided next week.

Please be aware that testing is not compulsory but strongly encouraged to ensure everyone is as safe as possible in school.

If your son/daughter is in Year 7 to 11 please follow the link below and complete the student consent form. Please fill it out if you do not give consent. Please ensure you give your child's full name, as it would appear on school documents, and your child's tutor group (see attached tutor groups). This allows us to register students fully for the testing procedures.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fR6DVcl6TUaIMbQAKJU8vskKzWB3R7BGqVR7PKleH51UMk1GSvk3VUxFRUw0VFIUNVpKRIRLTFZJT4u>

If your son/daughter is in Year 12 to13 please follow the link below and complete the 6th form student consent form. Please ensure the details outlined above are inputted fully.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fR6DVcl6TUaIMbQAKJU8vskKzWB3R7BGqVR7PKIeH51UNDFMUIE3STRTUUFFUVINLRDVQTVRIWVhNRC4u>

Could you please fill in the consent form as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to welcoming all staff and students back to school from 8th March and this will be a phased approach. Until your son/daughter has returned to school they need to continue to engage with remote learning. I understand you may be anxious about students returning to school but we will ensure it is as safe as possible so that the experience will be a positive one for all. As time goes on things will improve and get better and we will all soon be able to enjoy life without the restrictions of social distancing. For the time being, and when students return, we must continue to adhere to social distancing guidance to keep everyone safe.

Stay safe and healthy.

Regards,

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

Mr Stuart Glover
Acting Headteacher