



The Eaglewood School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Full Opening of Eaglewood School – Monday March 8th 2021

Further to the Government announcement last week, I am very pleased to be able to report that Eaglewood School will be fully open and ready to welcome back all of our students next Monday the 8th March.

As I am sure you are aware, secondary schools and colleges have been asked to undertake lateral flow tests for all students on their return. At Eaglewood, students for whom consent has been given, will receive three tests, between 3 and 5 days apart, over the space of two weeks. In order for this to happen it is vitally important that the written consent form attached to this letter is filled out and returned to reception as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

After the initial three tests, parents and carers will be supplied with home testing kits, so that students can be tested twice a week in the comfort of their own homes. This should be more comfortable for students and will also help with not bringing the virus into school in the first place. While it is not mandatory for parents to give consent for testing, I would kindly ask for everyone's support as this is the best way to keep our community safe and minimise having to send students home in the event of further outbreaks.

Full training material will be sent out with the home testing kits and they are very easy to administer, however if you feel that home testing will be difficult for you, please let us know and we will continue to test your child in school.

By way of preparation for our full school return, please allow me to remind you of the list of guidance we have successfully used with students attending school since the Autumn Term 2020. I am sure you understand clarity is important in this situation. It will be essential that the following important rules are fully observed to keep everyone healthy and safe.

Students: -

- with COVID-19 symptoms must not attend school and must remain isolated at home in accordance with NHS guidelines. Students will have their temperatures checked each morning before entry or accessing the minibus. Any students showing a temperature or any of the other main COVID - 19 symptoms will be isolated and collection arranged.
- who have come into contact with a person showing COVID-19 symptoms must remain isolated at home in accordance with NHS guidelines. If any members of your immediate family have tested positive, students are not to attend school.
- must remain **2 metres** apart from all other students and staff members in school.

- must now wear a face mask (unless medically exempt) in communal areas and classrooms unless otherwise directed by staff
- must remain in the group to which they are allocated at **all** times while in school and stay in the designated areas for their group
- must observe the staggered breaks and lunchtime allocated to their group
- may only use the toilet allocated to their designated group
- must occupy the same allocated seat in their designated classroom
- must bring their own hand sanitiser to school for their personal use only
- when leaving school, must observe rules on social distancing and not congregate with others
- must bring their own water bottle to drink from.
- must wear school uniform which is regularly washed.

I shall write to parents and carers again regarding the awarding of “examination” grades this summer. Information regarding the awarding of centre assessed grades has only just been released to schools and colleges, and will take some time to digest.

In the meantime, I hope candidates will take comfort from Simon Lebus’s comments as Ofqual’s Interim Chief Regulator, that the aim is to **“make it no harder overall for this year’s students.”**

Please may I again thank you all for your patience and flexibility during these difficult times and I am sure that if we all abide by the guidance above we can keep the school community safe and hopefully remain open for the remainder of the year.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any aspects of this letter please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Gray at s.gray@eaglewoodschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Himmel', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr Nigel Himmel
Headteacher