



25<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents,

I write briefly to confirm the schedule of the phased return to Cranbrook School for all students this term. Initial government guidance suggested that Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing could only start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March; this has now been revised to allow schools to test before that date so that students can start being in the classroom from March 8<sup>th</sup>.

	<b>Being tested at school</b>	<b>In lessons at school</b>	<b>Remote learning at home/boarding House</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Years 11 & 13	-	All year-groups
<b>Weekend 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup></b>			
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Years 10 & 12	Years 11 & 13	Years 7-10, 12
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Years 7, 8, 9	Years 10-13	Years 7, 8, 9
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> round of testing starts	All year-groups	Some boarders overseas

NB boarders will have their first LFD test upon their arrival at school on Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Students will return to classrooms the day after their first negative LFD test. On the day of their test, they will continue online lessons at home or in the boarding House when they are not being tested at school. They will be fully briefed about the return to school and the testing procedure in Assemblies next Thursday and will have time at the start of their first day back to allow for a gentler return and discussion of our expectations, and that rare thing – talking with peers.

We will write again next Wednesday with full details of the re-opening. This will include: testing schedule and procedures at school and at home; testing consent forms; safety measures, operating procedures, action plans in case of an infection, and risk assessment for all aspects of school life; guidelines for 'blended' remote learning; information specific to boarders. I will try not to contact you on the reopening of school again before then!

The DfE and Ofqual have announced their decisions about summer exams today for students in Years 11 and 13. We will write to parents of those students as soon as we have worked through the guidance and can confirm the way that we intend to approach those assessments.

As ever, please do not hesitate to contact me, Deputy Head Mandy Smart ([smartm@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk](mailto:smartm@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk)), or your child's Tutor or Head of House if you would like to discuss any of this.

Yours sincerely,

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