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Dear Families,

After 8 long weeks of lockdown, and the challenges of remote learning, I am hopeful that this will be the last letter that I will write to you before the wider reopening of school next week. I hope you took the opportunity to watch the video presentation that will have provided you with all the information you need regarding your child's return to school, whilst hopefully providing reassurance that the school has taken the necessary steps to make our return as safe as possible for both staff and students. Outlined in this letter are the final arrangements for our reopening. Also included within our communication with you today is a letter from Lambeth Education Authority that signposts support for families and also emphasises the importance of all students attending school. The guidance from the DFE is clear that attendance in school is compulsory from Monday 8th March 2021. I do understand that you may feel a little apprehensive about this and I urge you to contact the school at admin@lns.org.uk if you have any concerns or require some support.

Asymptomatic Testing

Testing started today, Friday 5th March, for all Year 11, 12 and 13 students with whom we have received parental consent. All families that have provided consent for their child to be part of the testing will have received a letter detailing the specific timings that your son/daughter will be required onto the school site. Please be reminded that for the first round of testing students will come onsite for their specified time and leave once they have received a negative test result. Details of testing from Monday 8th March 2021 can be found below:

Date	Testing	Arrival Time	Anticipated Departure
Monday 8 th March	Year 9 (Surnames A - L) including L.	8:40am	10:30am
	Year 9 (Surnames M - Z)	10:15am	12:00pm
	Year 10 (Surnames A - L) including L.	11:50am	1:25pm
	Year 10 (Surnames M - Z)	1:25pm	3:00pm
Tuesday 9 th March	Year 8 (Surnames A - L) including L.	8:40am	10:30am
	Year 8 (Surnames M - Z)	10:15am	12:00pm
	Year 7 (Surnames A - L) including L.	11:50am	1:25pm
	Year 7 (Surnames M - Z)	1:25pm	3:00pm

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Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff

On Sunday 28th February 2021, the [Department of Health and Social Care](#) announced that from Monday 1st March 2021, households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every weekly at home as schools return from Monday 8th March 2021. Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary, secondary and college staff can also be tested. The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed:

- via employers if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

I will write next week with further guidance on the arrangements for home-testing kits, as once our third round of testing has been completed during the week commencing Monday 15th March 2021, the fourth test, and testing thereafter, will be completed at home.

Returning to School

Following the first round of testing and a negative test result all students, **including those that have not been part of the testing programme**, will return to school on the dates and times listed below:

Date	Year Groups in School	Arrival Time	Departure Time
Wednesday 10 th March	<u>Years 10, 11, 12 and 13</u>	8:20am	3:05pm
Thursday 11 th March	<u>All Other Year Groups</u>	Years 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13: 8:20am Years 8 & 9: 8:30am	Year 7: 2:50pm Years 8 & 9: 3:00pm All other year as stated above

All students are expected to be in full-school uniform and have all of their essential equipment to support their learning. If your son has any issues with their uniform please contact their Head of Year as a matter of urgency.

Face Coverings

Whilst schools have taken a range of preventative measures to reduce transmission of COVID-19, it has been recognised that effective social distancing is extremely difficult in classrooms. Therefore, the Department for Education has **strongly recommended** the wearing of masks in classrooms until the end of the Spring Term, in the first instance. If your child is exempt, please provide written evidence of their exemption to the school before Monday 8th March 2021. This does not apply to those parents that have previously communicated this with us.

All other students will be expected to wear a mask at all times during the school day, apart from break times (as long as they are outside) or when they are eating in the canteen. Please ensure that your child

has an ample supply of masks; we also recommend that they have a plastic bag in which to keep their mask when it is not being worn. We would also encourage all students to have their own small bottle of hand sanitiser.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Please remember you only have one month to redeem Edenred vouchers before they expire. Once expired, schools cannot issue replacement vouchers. The voucher scheme has now closed.

Travel & School services

Lambeth Local Authority have published the following guidance for the safe use of public transport in anticipation of our return to school from 8th March, bus services will run in a similar way to how they did during the autumn term. This means:

- Extra services on some routes, with some adjustments to services that ran last year to reflect demand
- Up to half of buses on certain higher-frequency routes signed as 'school services' (generally between 07:30 and 09:00 and 14:30 and 16:30)
- A full service on our existing school day-only routes (routes generally numbered 600-699)

These arrangements are planned to be in place until at least the end of the current term. Arrangements for after Easter in due course.

Pupils travelling without adults should travel on the school services where possible, to help provide space for other customers on regular services. Customers who are not schoolchildren but who need to travel at school travel times (including school staff) are strongly encouraged to use regular services.

The full details of planned additional services and routes operating with buses signed as a 'school service' will be available shortly at: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/buses/bus-changes>. The TFL website relating to school travel is here [dedicated webpage](#)

I do appreciate you have received a huge amount of information over the last few weeks - thank you for your patience and support with this.

Finally, as mentioned in my previous communications we are very much looking forward to welcoming all students back to school next week and I would like to once again thank you for all of your support and kind messages that you have sent through over the last few months.

Wishing you all an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mr M Schofield

Headteacher