

23 February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Phased Reopening of Schools from 8 March 2021**

No doubt you have been following the Prime Minister's announcements regarding the Government's ongoing response to COVID-19, including when certain lockdown restrictions might be eased.

It is certainly encouraging to be in a more positive position again and planning for the gradual reopening of the economy and the industries and facilities that we rely on. We look forward to having all of our students back with us on the school site.

With respect to secondary schools, it has been confirmed that students will be allowed to return to face-to face education from 8 March. Secondary schools are able to phase the return of pupils over this week in order to allow students to be tested at school for COVID-19. The Government has also announced that it will subsequently be introducing a twice weekly asymptomatic testing programme for students to conduct at home.

We are in the process of reviewing extensive information that was published yesterday, including updated guidance on the system on controls to minimise the transmission of COVID-19 in education settings. I will write to you with further details regarding Springfield's phased reopening when all plans have been reviewed and approved by the Governing Body and would, as ever, ask for your patience in the meantime.

One change for families to be aware of is that the Government is now recommending that face coverings should be worn in all areas, including classrooms, as a temporary extra measure – and so we would politely ask that you discuss this with your child.

I regret that, at the time of writing this letter, no further information has been received regarding GCSE arrangements for Year 11. Again, we will update you as soon as we know more.

With kind regards



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CEO, Headteacher