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TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parent/Carer

Full Return to School for Pupils From 08.03.21 – Communication 3

Thank you for your patience and understanding with the multiple communications that you have received from us this week in particular. Planning for our full return to school (RTS) requires significant sharing of information with you as our families. I have said in the past, for us all at Cams Hill School, communication is key in order for you to feel informed and as reassured as you can in such challenging and complex times.

I remain cautiously delighted that we are planning for a full return. To know that at this time in two weeks' time we will have all our pupils in school makes me feel really excited to have our community back teaching and learning together.

Mindful of the amount of written communication that you have received this week, I have recorded a short video for you to access that provides an overarching summary of our planning activities this week and rationale for full return to school. It also signposts key pieces of information that you need to be aware of going forward. This is available via the following link <https://vimeo.com/517160512>. I will record another at the end of next week, again as a summary to help provide a variety of communication methods.

You will by now have received the schedule for our planned phased return, an appointment time for your child to come in to school and undertake their first test with us in our Asymptomatic Test Site (ATS) and relevant consent documents and information. We strongly encourage all our pupils to be tested in order to reduce the risk of asymptomatic transmission of Covid-19 within our direct and wider Cams Hill School community. We are extremely grateful to volunteers from our parent, carer, Governor and wider community for their time in assisting in our ATS.

I can confirm that

- **Test Days.** Pupils need to arrive promptly at their allocated time and are not required to wear school uniform. They will undertake the test in our ATS and return home straight after. **Pupils are asked to not eat or drink for at least 30 minutes before doing their test to reduce the risk of spoiling the test.**
- **RTP on test days.** Due to the disruption to lessons that will be caused as pupils travel to and from school for testing, on each year group's designated 'Test Day', there will be no Real Time Provision for that year group. Instead, teachers will provide recap or revision tasks on CHOC, in-line with pupils' timetabled lessons for that day. Therefore, pupils will be able to access work which they can complete during the lesson times they are at home. When at home, pupils should follow their usual school timetable, including 50-minute lessons. Pupils will not be expected to complete work for lessons that would normally take place at the time when they are travelling to or from school for testing. There will be no live tutor times.
- **Return to school (RTS).** When pupils return after their test day to teaching and learning in school they will return to the timings of the school day that were in place pre-Christmas plus all the risk reduction measures to reduce risk of transmission as much as we can. Full school uniform is required. A copy of the timings has been emailed to every pupil via their school email address. It is also on our website.

We have dedicated a bespoke RTS area on our website accessible via <https://www.camshill.com/> that catalogues all information that we have provided over the past week. We will continue to add everything to this area so you have a single point of access to ensure you are fully apprised of all RTS information prior to your child coming back to school during the week beginning 08 March 2021.



I feel compelled to again take this opportunity to remind you that our pupils, your children, must only come to school if they do not have any symptoms of Covid-19; that they are not undertaking a period of self-isolation as a result of being a close contact of someone with Covid-19; that there are no members of the household either awaiting results of a test for Covid-19 or who have tested positive. It is vital that we accept collective responsibility as an entire Cams Hill School community for keeping our school as safe as we can despite continuing to be in a global pandemic.

Thank you for your patience in reading all the communications and replying so promptly; thank you for replenishing your child's Covid Kit in preparation for their return and huge thanks for checking that school uniform still fits and resolving issues accordingly. We are extremely grateful for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs G Harrison-Jones
Headteacher