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Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter will outline the arrangements for the return of students during the week beginning 3rd January. As you will see, the return has been staggered throughout the week to allow for the implementation of mass rapid testing, which has been designed to comply with Government guidance on the reopening of schools.

If you have any questions or concerns about the information below, please contact me at Farlingaye.

Dates and times of return

Students will return as follows:

Date and time of Return	Year Group	Testing arrangements
Wednesday, 5 th January, 8.50am	7	All students will come into school at their normal time and will go straight to the area outside the Gym for testing. Once students have been tested they will then go to designated holding areas. Once their results have been confirmed as negative, they will go to their P1 lessons. The rest of their day will be as normal.
Wednesday, 5 th January, 11.10am	11	All students who can do so will come into school at 11.10 and go straight to the area outside the Gym for testing. Students on buses who cannot come later in the day but can only attend at their normal time, will go straight to the library on their arrival and will either remain there or in another designated area until 11.10 . They will then take part in testing. Once students have been tested they will go to designated holding areas. Once their results have been confirmed as negative, they will then go to their P2 lessons. The rest of their day will be as normal.
Wednesday, 5 th January, 1.25pm	12	All students who can do so will come into school at 1.25 and go straight to the area outside the Gym for testing. Students on buses who cannot come later in the day but can only attend at their normal time, will go straight to the Sixth Form Common Room on their arrival and will remain there until 1.30. They will then take part in testing. While they wait for their results, they will be in designated holding areas. Once their results have been confirmed as negative, they will go to their P3 lessons.

Wednesday, 5 th January, 1.25pm	13	All students who can do so will come into school at 1.25 and go straight to the area outside the Gym for testing. Students on buses who cannot come later in the day but can only attend at their normal time, will go straight to the Sixth Form Common Room on their arrival and will remain there until 1.30. They will then take part in testing. While they wait for their results, they will be in designated holding areas. Once their results have been confirmed as negative, they will go to their P3 lessons.
Thursday 6 th January, 8.50am	9	All students will come into school at their normal time and will go straight to the area outside the Gym for testing. Once students have been tested they will then go designated holding areas. Once their results have been confirmed as negative, they will go to their P1 lessons. The rest of their day will be as normal.
Thursday 6 th January, 11.10am	8	All students who can do so will come into school at 11.10 and go straight to the area outside the Gym for testing. Students on buses who cannot come later in the day but can only attend at their normal time, will go straight to the library on their arrival and will either remain there or in another designated area until 11.10 . They will then take part in testing. Once students have been tested they will go to designated holding areas. Once their results have been confirmed as negative, they will then go to their P2 lessons. The rest of their day will be as normal.
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Testing

During last academic year, Farlingaye ran a Lateral Flow Test Centre for staff and students in school. Staff have therefore been trained, and have carried out the procedures necessary for testing with care and efficiency. We will now redevelop our testing provision in line with the Government's operational guidance for reopening in January, so that we are able to offer an in-school test to each student over the first two days of term. These tests should be carried out before students return to face-to-face work with their classmates and with staff, in order to identify any asymptomatic cases and so to protect and reassure the school community.

The schedule that we have designed to accomplish this is as follows:

Year Group	Test 1
13	Wed 5 ^h 1.30-3.25
12	Wed 5 ^h 1.30-3.25
11	Wed 5 ^h 11.15-12.55
10	Thu 6 ^h 1.30-3.10
9	Thu 6 ^h 8.50-10.30
8	Thu 6 ^h 11.15-12.55
7	Wed 5 ^h 8.50-10.30

Though we have already implemented testing programmes successfully, to do so again is another huge undertaking for the school and will require a great deal of investment in resources and staffing. We have benefitted already from the work of some parent volunteers, and would very much appreciate the input of more volunteers in order to complete this task. If you would like to volunteer, or would like to find out more about what this entails, please contact Mr Smith (psmith@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk).

Please remember that, in order for testing to take place, we need to have a statement of consent. If your child is an in-year admission to Farlingaye in 2021-22, you will not yet have provided consent for testing for them. The information and the links required for providing consent are as follows:

Link to information

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#); [How to do a rapid lateral flow test for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Link to ParentPay consent form

[ParentPay](#)

If you are unable to access ParentPay, please contact us (mail@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk).

Please note that any Year 12 students who joined us after in-school testing took place in September can provide consent themselves. They can do so on Wednesday 5th January in school. If you have any concerns about this, please do contact Ms Stuart, Head of Sixth Form (vstuart@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk).

Please also note that, if you do not wish to give consent for your child to be tested, you do not need to notify us of non-consent. If your child in Y12 does not wish to give consent, they can inform us of this on Monday.

Lessons

Please note that Ys 7, 11, 12 and 13 will have face-to-face lessons from Wednesday 5th January onwards. **Ys 8, 9 and 10 will have live online lessons on Teams on Wednesday 5th January**, and face-to-face lessons on Thursday 6th January. Y10 students will be able to access materials and tasks on Teams for their Periods 1 and 2 lessons on Thursday 6th January, but these lessons will not be live. Students will be sent Teams invitations for their live lessons, both via their school email addresses and through Teams itself. If you have any questions about how Teams lessons operate, please contact Mr Moran (cmoran@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk). If you have any concerns about using technology to access Teams, please contact our IT helpdesk (IThelpdesk@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk.)

I hope that all of the above information is clear. Please contact the school using addresses noted above if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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Farlingaye High School