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Dear Parent/Carer(s)

I hope you are well. As promised, this update contains the details for students' return to Penryn College during the week beginning 8 March. We can't wait to have them back on site. We are also pleased to inform you that our after-school Clubs & Activities programme will run from Monday 15 March. Our intention is that the school will run as it did during the autumn term, and we will have the following in place so that students and staff are as safe as possible:

- Students will be kept in separate year groups and will spend breaks and lunchtimes in separate areas of the site;
- Students (except Year 11) will use the ring road around the school so that they do not have to move around inside the building;
- Classrooms have been designed to reduce contact between staff and students;
- We will have hand sanitiser at all entrances and freely available around the school;
- We have additional cleaning in place throughout the day;
- We will also be asking students to wear **face coverings** in the building. The latest government guidance states that face coverings should be worn in the building unless social distancing can be maintained. In practice, this now means face coverings need to be worn at all times in classrooms and other indoor areas, unless the member of staff is satisfied that adequate social distancing can be maintained. There is also an exemption for PE lessons and outside of buildings, where students and staff are not required to wear face coverings. The guidance also means that students should wear face coverings if they are inside the building during breaks and lunchtimes, unless they are eating. The government intends to review this guidance at Easter.

If your child is exempt from wearing a face covering for medical or other reasons, please contact Vicky Cooper on [vcooper@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:vcooper@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk) who will be collating and sorting all of the exemptions.

## Returning to school

I am sure you will be aware from the government's announcements that we will be testing all students upon their arrival back to school: once on their first day back and a further two times during their first two weeks back.

For us to do this safely, **we are staggering the return of students during the first week back, as outlined below**. Please take time to read this carefully, so you are clear what day and time your child should arrive at school. You will notice the varying start times for the first day - this is to ensure that we do not have students waiting to be tested for long



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periods of time. **Please note that once pupils have returned on the specified date and time, they will stay in school for the rest of that day and the remainder of the week.** At this time, **we are urging you, as parents/carers, where at all possible, to transport your child into school on their first day back.** This will reduce any chance of the virus being transmitted on school or public transport prior to students having their initial test. If there is no alternative, your child should use the school bus/public transport as normal. Similarly, if there is no way you can get your child to us at the designated time as stated below, they are welcome to arrive at school at the normal time.

**On the first day back, all students are to report to the TISA in full school uniform, wearing face masks, at the designated time.** This is where they will be registered and then seated, two metres apart, to wait for their tests. It is essential that students remain socially distanced on arrival to school. Testing will take place in our Sports Hall. The waiting times will vary so please ensure that your child brings a coat, a snack, and a book/iPad/phone, etc.

### Timetable for return

Day	Year group return	Time	Which students?
<b>Monday 8 March</b>	11	Between 8.25-8.40am	All students who have arrived by bus
		9.15am	Students doing Triple Science
		10.35am	Students doing Trilogy Science
<b>Tuesday 9 March</b>	10	Between 8.25-8.40am	All students who have arrived by bus
		9.15am	Students who have PE lessons 1/2
		10.35am	Students who have RE lessons 1/2
<b>Wednesday 10 March</b>	7	Between 8.25-8.40am	All students who have arrived by bus
		9.15am	7L Students who have Art, Geography, Humanities or Music lessons 1/2
		10.35am	7R Students who have English lessons 1/2
<b>Thursday 11 March</b>	8	Between 8.25-8.40am	All students who have arrived by bus
		9.15am	8R Students who have Science lessons 1/2
		9.45am	8L Students who have Humanities or Languages lessons 1/2



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Friday 12 March	9	Between 8.25-8.40am	All students who have arrived by bus
		9.15am	9R Students who have Maths lessons 1/2
		9.45am	9L Students who have Creative Arts or Geography lessons 1/2

**Students will wait in the Sports Hall until their test results are processed.** Once a negative test is received, students will return to their timetabled lessons. In the event that your child tests positive, you, as parent/carer(s), will be called straight away, and your child will need to be collected from the school.

Students will be taken out of their lessons over a period of a fortnight for their second and third tests, as outlined below.

**The full schedule for the next two weeks is as follows:**

W/B 8 March	Monday 8 March	Tuesday 9 March	Wednesday 10 March	Thursday 11 March	Friday 12 March
Morning	Year 11 Test 1	Year 10 Test 1	Year 7 Test 1	Year 8 Test 1	Year 9 Test 1
Afternoon				Year 11 Test 2	Year 10 Test 2

W/B 15 March	Monday 15 March	Tuesday 16 March	Wednesday 17 March	Thursday 18 March	Friday 19 March
Morning	Year 7 Test 2	Year 9 Test 2	Year 10 Test 3	Year 8 Test 3	Year 9 Test 3
Afternoon	Year 8 Test 2	Year 11 Test 3		Year 7 Test 3	

Following the third test, your child will be provided with home test kits, with the necessary instructions to complete at home.

### Consent form, privacy notice, and self-swab guide

We are hopeful that this mass testing will be effective in picking up any asymptomatic cases upon students' return to school and, therefore, ensure a safe return to lessons. We would



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be extremely grateful for your support during this process. I have attached the privacy notice and self-swab poster for your information.

Please click [here](#) to access the consent form, which needs to be completed by **Thursday 4 March at 9.00am**. If you have already completed a consent form for your child as part of the Key Worker School, you do not need to complete another one. If you have more than one child who attends the school, you will need to complete separate forms.

**If you do not give your consent for this testing to take place, please indicate this on the consent form. If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, please also indicate this on the relevant part of the consent form, as these students do not need to be tested.**

### Free School Meals

We will issue vouchers for days when students are not in school. The canteen will be open for students as they return to school in their year groups, **but we would ask that those students attending Key Worker School continue to bring a packed lunch**, as they will be unable to access the canteen during the first week back.

### Your help

#### Please help us by:

- Dropping your child to school at the allotted time, if possible, while avoiding entering the school site;
- Doing your best, where possible, to ensure that your child avoids public/school transport to get to school before the first test is completed;
- Ensuring that your child has an appropriate face covering;
- Ensuring that your child has the correct uniform, including shoes and no face piercings.

### Thank you

Finally, thank you for your continued support. As usual, if you have any questions or feedback, please contact me.

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