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Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Welcome back after the half term break and I hope you are all keeping well.

This letter sets out how we will implement the full re-opening of Whitworth Community High School. You will be pleased to know that our intention is to be fully re-open to all students on Thursday 11th March.

The most important message to make absolutely clear is that **if a student has any COVID symptoms, they must not come into school.** They should go to get a test at a local testing centre. PLEASE DO NOT SEND STUDENTS INTO SCHOOL FOR A LATERAL FLOW TEST IF THEY HAVE SYMPTOMS. The lateral flow tests are only designed to spot asymptomatic carriers of the Coronavirus. Use this email address to notify school if your child has any symptoms covid19@whitworth.lancs.sch.uk.

If students have to self-isolate at any point, they will still be able to follow their lessons via Google meet so that they do not fall behind with their studies. They will need to click on the Meet link in the Google Classroom for their scheduled lesson, just as they have been doing in recent weeks.

Lateral flow testing arrangements

In order for us to fully re-open the school on the 11th March, we will be inviting students in to have lateral flow tests on the 8th, 9th and 10th March. This will allow us to minimise the spread of infection from asymptomatic carriers and to keep the school as safe as possible. A separate message will be sent to parents to establish consent for their child to be tested. Students will have additional tests whilst they are in school during the following two weeks. The following times have been set aside for students to come into school for their lateral flow tests (students do not need to wear their school uniforms for their LFT on the 8th, 9th or 10th March):

Mon 8th March	Tue 9th March	Wed 10th March	Thur 11th March	Fri 12th March
Year 7 1st LFT 8:30 surnames A to E 9:30 surnames F to L 10:30 surnames M to Z Year 10 1st LFT	Year 8 1st LFT 8:30 surnames A to G 9:30 surnames H to N 10:30 surnames O to Z Year 9 1st LFT	Year 11 1st LFT 8:30 surnames A to H 9:30 surnames I to N 10:30 surnames O to Z Afternoon Key worker, vulnerable children and staff LFT	<u>School fully re-opens to all students</u> Year 7s have 2nd LFT	School will open to all students. Year 10s have 2nd LFT Note - all other year groups will have their 2nd and 3rd LFTs in school during the next two weeks.

12:00 surnames A to F 13:00 surnames G to N 14:00 surnames O to Z	12:00 surnames A to G 13:00 surnames H to P 14:00 surnames Q to Z			
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We fully understand that students will not be able to complete remote learning whilst they are travelling to school to have their lateral flow tests, but they will be expected to complete work at all of the other times. Therefore, the following learning activities will take place next week:

Mon 8th March	Tue 9th March	Wed 10th March	Thur 11th March	Fri 12th March
Year 7 and 10 A careers activity will be sent out for year 7 and 10 students to complete remotely when they are not in school having their LFT. No other lessons will be set for them on this day. Years 8, 9 & 11 Remote lessons as normal.	Year 8 and 9 A careers activity will be sent out for year 8 and 9 students to complete remotely when they are not in school having their LFT. No other lessons will be set for them on this day. Years 7, 10 & 11 Remote lessons as normal.	Year 11 Lessons and mock assessments will continue as normal during lessons 4 and 5. There will be no lessons or mock assessments during lessons 1 to 3 Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 Remote lessons as normal.	School fully re-opens to all students. Year 11 assembly 1st half of lesson 1 Year 9 assembly 2nd half of lesson 1 Year 10 assembly 1st half of lesson 2	School will open to all students. Year 8 assembly 1st half of lesson 2 Year 7 assembly 2nd half of lesson 2

Students who attend school already as part of the key worker/vulnerable student group will attend as normal and be tested as part of their daily routine. When they do not have a scheduled lesson, they will be expected to catch up on any outstanding work, complete additional maths on Hegarty or read.

Arrangements for the school day from 11th March

When school fully re-opens, it will not be possible for students to fully adhere to the two metre social distancing rules within the school building. However, our aim is to try to limit contact between students from different year groups. This will mean that if there is a positive covid case, the number of students required to self-isolate as a precaution will be significantly reduced. All other safety measures that were put in place prior to the lockdown will remain in place.

- The layout of the classrooms will continue to be all forward facing wherever possible to prevent face-to-face contact of students.
- The one way system in school will remain in place and the re-roomed timetable will continue to reduce movement on corridors.
- Additional cleaning will take place throughout the school day.
- Hand sanitiser stations will be available throughout the school.

- Shared devices such as Chromebooks will be sanitised between users.
- Students will have allocated times in the canteen at break and lunch times.
- Classrooms and communal areas will be ventilated wherever possible.
- **Students and staff will be expected to wear face coverings inside the school building, including in classrooms and PE changing rooms. The exceptions will be when students are doing practical PE activities and when they are dining. This is the most recent government guidance for schools.**
- There will be a staggered approach to the school day so that different year groups move at different times, thus reducing potential face-to-face contact on corridors. Please see the arrangements below.
- All meetings, including parents' evenings will be conducted remotely wherever possible.
- PE lessons will continue as they did before Christmas. Students need to bring their kit for their scheduled lessons.
- Extra curricular activities will hopefully resume after Easter if the guidance allows.
- The addendum in the behaviour policy remains in place for students who flout any of the measures put in place to keep us all safe.

Start of the day

- The school gates will be open from **8:15** for all students. Year 7 students can wait in the canteen. All other year groups can wait on the tennis courts. Please do not send your child to school before 8:15.
 - **Year 7** tutors meet their form in the canteen at **8:40** after which they go to their form rooms.
 - **Year 8** tutors meet their form on the tennis courts at **8:43** after which they go to their form rooms.
 - **Year 9** tutors meet their form on the tennis courts at **8:46** after which they go to their form rooms.
 - **Year 10** tutors meet their form on the tennis courts at **8:50** after which they go to their form rooms.
 - **Year 11** tutors meet their form on the tennis courts at **8:40** after which they go to their form rooms.

Lesson 1 - 9:10 to 10:10

Lesson 2 - 10:10 to 11:10

Break time - 11:10 to 11:25 - there are five rings of the bell at the start and end of break. On both occasions, the year 11 students move on the first bell and the year 7s move on the fifth and final bell. If it is a wet break, the bell will ring twice. Students stay in lesson 2 classrooms. Students have one allocated day per week to purchase snacks in the canteen starting with year 7 on a Monday.

Lesson 3 - 11:25 to 12:25

Lunch time/Lesson 4 - 12:25 to 13:45

There are three sittings in the following order:

	Year 7	Years 11/8	Years 10/9
12:25pm - 12:50pm	Lesson 4a	Lunch	Lesson 4a
12:50pm - 1:20pm	Lunch	Lesson 4a	Lesson 4b
1:20pm - 1:45pm	Lesson 4b	Lesson 4b	Lunch

Lesson 5 - starts at 1:45pm for everyone

End of the day - There will be five rings of the bell. Students will leave at the following times:

Year 7 - 14:40

Year 8 - 14:42

Year 9 - 14:45

Year 10 - 14:47

Year 11 - 14:50

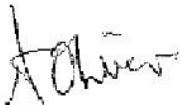
Pastoral support and expectations of students

We fully understand that students have experienced an unprecedented amount of upheaval recently and we will be doing our best to get our school back to being as 'normal' as possible to help the students regain some structure in their daily lives. There will be additional pastoral support available for students who are struggling with the return to school. There will also be a recovery curriculum in place to help students to catch up on any lost learning. This support will continue for the foreseeable future.

Despite the upheaval that we have all experienced, our expectations regarding uniform, appearance and behaviour remain the same. Students should arrive in school on Thursday 11th March in full school uniform, fully equipped for their lessons and should conduct themselves in the respectful manner in which we know they are all capable.

We are really looking forward to the full re-opening of our school. We have enjoyed the challenge of delivering our curriculum remotely and we have been motivated by the countless messages of thanks, encouragement and support. We now look forward to supporting our students in person and working together once more as a school community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Oliver', written in a cursive style.

Mr A Oliver
Deputy Headteacher