

	Question	Answer
	GENERAL	
1	Will all students return on March 8 th ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • All students should have been tested by Sunday March 7th. • Please see earlier email for more details.
2	What is the on-going plan for testing students?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who need their second and third tests will be done during the school day. • After the third test we will be giving students self-testing kits to be taken and used at home each week.
3	What about residential students return?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residentials are returning on the Sunday 7th, according to their pre-booked time slot. • Lunch will be available to those arriving in the morning and supper will be available to everybody.
3b	What is planned regarding day students attached to residential Houses?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They will stay in their 'temporary' houses and the Library until the end of term.
4	What will happen before students return?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classrooms have been regularly cleaned and are set out to comply with guidelines and Houses prepared for students' return. • Parents are asked to inform us if any students or their immediate family members have shown any symptoms of COVID-19 during the 10 days before returning to school. • Please use the safeguarding number 01276 859734 to report any positive cases.
5	How will social distancing be managed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The guidelines advise that students should keep to 'bubbles' during the day, within which social distancing is not required. The guidelines also allow for membership of more than one bubble. Students will be in year group bubbles throughout the day in classrooms and in allocated areas in houses. • Student numbers in changing rooms are controlled to allow social distancing. • For all co-curricular activities, consistent groups will be maintained though comprised of students from different year groups and different houses.
6	How will <u>symptoms</u> be managed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As before, Day boarders will report to the School Office and arrangements will be made for them to return home to take a PCR test before returning to school. • Residential boarders will report to the School Office and school staff will arrange for a PCR test.
6b	What will happen if there is a <u>case</u> of Covid-19 in the School?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the event of positive test result it is likely that, given the more stringent rules defining close contact, the whole year will need to self-isolate for 10 days at home. • As before, in such cases students will access live-streamed lessons.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should a residential boarder test positive, they will be isolated in the Medical Centre for 10 days or until they have either been taken home or to their Guardian, within 48 hours of testing. All other members of the household will be required to self-isolate in line with Government guidance. As required by all schools, we will actively engage with the PHE Test & Trace and follow their advice regarding other students who may be required to isolate.
7	Will there still be a staggered lunchtime?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes. Y11-13 will have a lunch break between 11.45-12.45pm, while Y7-10 will have a lunch break between 12.40-1.45pm.
8	Must students wear face coverings indoors?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face covering should be worn in all indoor spaces, including lessons and Houses until the end of term because social distancing is difficult to maintain. Face-coverings will be required whilst queuing to enter classrooms and the Dining Hall, and also in PE changing rooms. They will also be required in House, with the exception of residential Houses. If worn, face coverings must be of plain colour, without any form of personalisation and scarfs/snoods and other irregular types are not permitted. Please be mindful that the wearing of a face covering may inhibit communication with people who rely on lip reading, facial expressions and clear sound. This may apply in lessons.
8b	Must students wear face coverings outside?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No
9	Will there be an exeat this term?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. A normal weekend programme will operate, including Saturday school for day boarders. Residential students will not be charged
10	Will students wear school uniform?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, normal school uniform is to be worn and students are permitted to wear their hoody or green school jumper under their blazer until Easter. Please note that sixth form students are not permitted to wear a hoody under their jackets but may wear any plain jumper befitting of business attire. On the day on which a student has P6 games, they must come to school in sports kit with tracksuit trousers and green hoody over this, which they will then take off for P6 itself.
11	What additional cleaning and sanitising will there be?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extra evening cleaning is in place. Washroom areas are cleaned thoroughly after the morning and lunch breaks as well as in the evenings. Sanitising wipes are provided in all classrooms for wipe down of tables and chairs between lessons. Houses, entrances to buildings and other areas have sanitisers available.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be reminded regularly on the need to wash their hands thoroughly and frequently, in particular on arrival at school, returning to House at breaks and before meals.
12	What about large meetings - Assemblies, Chapel, Parades?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It may be a while before we can have large-scale gatherings. Until then, we will work within the relevant guidelines. Year Group Assemblies will be held in the Rec. Chapel services and House Meetings will continue by Year Group. Spring Term Parades are cancelled. Please await further details on the Summer Term.
13	Will there be prep?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes. This will be by Year Group as normal, in classrooms that will have been cleaned after 3.35pm. Students will be pre-allocated to a prep room where attendance will be registered. Y7 prep will run from 6.00pm until 6.45pm, at which point Y7 day boarders will return home.
14	How will Houses cope with Year Group 'bubbles'?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day Houses will continue to keep students in their year group areas when inside the House, wherever possible. Staff will control the access to locker rooms to allow for social distancing between year groups. Residential Houses will operate as individual households. Students will be encouraged to be outside as much as possible in dry weather.
15	What are the arrangements for break times?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are advised to bring their own snacks for morning break as tuck shops will not be open.
16	Will there be changes to movement around the school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within buildings where practical, there are separate entrances and exits Externally, there is no one-way system (for example across the Parade Square) but students are encouraged to distance themselves from students in other Year Groups There are organised arrangements for students waiting to enter a building
17	Will there be any change to pick up and drop off arrangements?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day Boarders can arrive in Houses any time between 7.45-8.15am, ready to go to their first commitment starting at 8.20am. Pick-ups at the end of the day will remain as normal though parents are advised to stay in cars when picking up. We encourage students to walk or cycle to school if they can.
18	Are there any extra items that students should bring to school each day?	<p>Yes, three items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are required to bring a <u>water bottle</u> in each day, especially as all water fountains are sealed for safety reasons. Water will be available in Houses for re-filling water bottles.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students should also have their own <u>small bottle of hand sanitiser</u>. There will be re-fill facilities in each House. Third, all students should have their own <u>small packet of paper handkerchiefs</u>.
19	Is attendance compulsory in March? What happens if my son/daughter is unwilling to return because of safety concerns?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes. We will continue to report our attendance data to the Local Authority which will review it accordingly. Attendance below 90% would raise an initial concern and initiate possible intervention by the Area Inclusion Officer. We are satisfied that we comply with all guidance on reopening of schools and therefore students and parents can have full confidence in a safe return to school.
20	What provision is in place to support students' mental health?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We recognise that students may need extra support to adjust to school. A sense of routine is important and the House system will help bring our community together again. Heads of Houses and their tutor teams will provide the first level of support and care for students' well-being and mental health. This may then be formalised in an Individual Welfare Plan or referred to Mrs Forster. Mrs Forster will offer support from Mr Cherry, Ms Beecham, Teresa Wilcox, School Nurses or the School Counselling Service which we have made available to more students this term. Students can also continue to self-refer on their Firefly dashboard. House Parents will revisit the programme to support students on their return to school.
21	How has the behaviour policy been reviewed to acknowledge the increased levels or trauma and anxiety experienced by students and impacts on engagement, self-esteem and behaviours?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Discipline, Rewards and Sanctions Policy has a Covid-19 appendix outlining additional information in response to the current situation. This is reviewed weekly. Students will receive information about behaviour expectations and well-being support during assemblies.
22	Are parents allowed on site?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In line with Government guidance, parents are asked not to attend the school site without an agreed appointment with a member of staff. Where possible meetings will either be by telephone or video call such as Zoom or Teams. Face to face meetings will only take place where absolutely necessary. For residential boarders please see separate guidance from Houses.
23	Should students bring in a bag?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes. Main School students are encouraged to carry their equipment, along with a water-bottle and hand-sanitiser if they wish, in a bag of their choice to and from lessons. Equipment for periods 1-4 will be needed throughout the morning, with an opportunity to change over for periods 5&6 at lunchtime.
24	Where can 6 th Form park their cars?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking is only available to Y13 students with a permit which will be issued on a first-come first-serve basis.

25	Is information on reopening available on your website?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, under 'parents'
RESIDENTIAL BOARDING		
1	Will the School quarantine residential boarding students before the start of term?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine requirements change; parents should monitor closely whether their son/daughter is affected by these controls as situations are changing on a regular basis.
2	How will the residential Houses be affected by COVID-19 and social distancing issues?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Houses can be classed as a household and there is no limit on the number of boarders in a residence. Students do not need to be socially distanced in their House at all times, although we will take sensible precautions and educate students in being prudent in the way that they spend time with one another in the House. Precautions will include ensuring students keep a sensible distance from one another in communal spaces to ensure that students can still socialise and do so safely.
3	What happens if there is a confirmed case of Covid-19 in the House?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All members of the House, students and staff, will be required to isolate in the House for 10 days If a Residential Boarder presents with symptoms of Covid-19, the School will arrange for a test. If positive then the identified student must isolate for a minimum of 10 days, while everyone else within the household group will be required to quarantine. The local Health Protection team will be informed and will advise on further intervention. Residential Boarders may return home for their period of isolation or quarantine.
4	Can Residential Boarders leave site?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sixth form students are not permitted to leave site during the school day for any reason other than to return home at the end of their day. Social distancing and use of masks is mandatory. Key Stage 4 students are not permitted to walk to the local shops between 5.00pm and 6.00pm on Fridays. If a Residential Boarder wishes to leave site without direct supervision, stringent checks must be made by House staff to ensure that all government guidance on social distancing, gatherings and mixing households is in place and can be reasonably assured. This will only be allowed once both House Parents and parents are in agreement. The School reserves the right to over-rule a parent's decision on this matter if a risk to other students or staff is identified.
CURRICULUM		
1	What if the School has to shut due to another wave of COVID-19?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should any more local lockdown scenarios occur, we will make use of online and/or school based teaching as allowed by the relevant lockdown regulations. Whatever the circumstances, we will ensure teaching and learning is delivered to the highest possible standard.

2	What education will my child receive in self-isolation / quarantine?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As last term, all those at home will be able to attend live streamed lessons.
2b	What education will my child receive if they are an international boarder unable to return to school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above.
3	Will there be any changes to the Curriculum in March?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is our intention to run a full curriculum from March with all subjects, activities and sports being delivered, although some activities may need to be adapted to comply with Government guidelines. Prep will operate as normal. PSHE lessons will resume with consideration given to the most appropriate lessons to be taught.
4	What are Gordon's plans for students to catch up?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the 'Return Curriculum 2', the school plans to conduct baseline assessment in the Summer Term for Y7-10 and Y12 in September. As previously outlined, Y11 and Y13 will be assessed in April and more information will follow in due course. Further academic support will be planned throughout this year and 2021-22 once assessments have been carried out; details will be provided in due course. The Pastoral leadership team will provide support to students with aspects of mental health and their transition back into school. The Houses will also support students throughout this period and will be a 'first port of call' for any student experiencing difficulties.
5	Will there still be reports home?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, we are currently reviewing when best to report home to all year groups.
6	Will all staff be in school teaching?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not necessarily. Teaching staff who are self-isolating at home will continue to teach remotely and a cover supervisor will be present in the classroom.
CO-CURRICULAR		
1	Will there be a co-curricular programme? Will Music and Drama be able to continue as normal?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are expecting to offer the usual range of activities, working within relevant guidelines and mindful of health and safety provision.

2	What about P7 and Saturday school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P7 and Saturday will run as normal • Anticipating the likely return of competitive fixtures in the Summer Term, we plan to run inter-House football, rugby, hockey and netball on Saturdays this term, under return to play rules. • Drill will commence at 4.00pm on Friday 12th March and thereafter every Friday.
2b	What will the sporting provision be?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any sport that we put into the programme will be guided by the DfE and national governing body guidelines which are updated regularly. • We await advice from the relevant National Governing Bodies regarding a date to start competitive fixtures, and we are hoping to see the majority of sports playing fixtures by April.
3	How is the school going to deal with year groups during Period 7?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be in consistent bubbles for their P7 activities when these are made up of students from different year groups. This will still allow effective track and trace in the event of a positive case. • Each activity has its own risk assessment associated with it.
4	Is the Fitness Suite open?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fitness Suite will be closed for general use until the planned opening of all gyms on 12th April 2021 by the government. • The Suite will be available for identified students in teams during Period 7 on the normal rotation. • The Suite will be available to sports scholars on a timetabled rotation. • Residential Boarders will be able to use the Suite one evening per week by House rotation, with priority going to the older year groups.
5	What is happening with DofE?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bronze expedition weekends are going ahead as planned in May and June (see the school calendar on the school website). • The Silver expedition dates are being rescheduled around Y11 assessment dates and will be communicated after Easter. • The Gold expedition dates are going ahead as planned in July and August (see the school calendar on the school website). • EMT will commence after Easter on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.
6	Will there be any off-site school trips during the Spring Term?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where possible, non-residential trips only, will be considered on an individual basis, depending on their purpose and management of risk. There will not be any residential trips or sports tours (where students stay away overnight) until further notice.

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