

26th February, 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that you and your family are well. We want to thank you for your support of the school over this term.

Government guidance – school reopening

New updated government guidance means that schools can reopen again from Monday 8th March, and we are looking forward to safely welcoming students back.

We will stagger the return of students over the week; please find in the table below details of the day that your child will return.

We will continue to run a small Emergency School provision every day until the full school returns.

Covid testing

The school is now able to offer Covid tests to students and staff. This has run very successfully for those students attending Emergency School.

Testing in school is only for students who have no symptoms, and who have not been named as a contact of anyone who has tested positive for Covid.

Students undertake the tests themselves, taking a swab from their mouth and nose. They are supported to do this with instructions and guidance from a trained member of staff. Test results are processed by staff and can be seen in 20-30 minutes. The result is then sent to you by text and email.

We would like to ask for your consent for your child to take part in the testing programme. Please complete the consent form [here](#). Please find the privacy notice in relation to Covid testing [here](#).

If you have any questions or concerns about Covid testing at school, please contact Deputy Headteacher Jo Skelhorne - jskelhorne@mulberryschoolstrust.org

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Week beginning Monday 8th March

There will be a staggered return for students during this week. Please find below details for each year group:

Year 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn remotely on Monday 8th March Attend the school site on Monday 8th at an allocated time for a Covid test Return to school as normal on Tuesday 9th Attend every day after this
Year 7 and 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn remotely on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th March Attend the school site on Tuesday 9th at an allocated time for a Covid test Return to school as normal on Wednesday 10th Attend every day after this
Year 10 and 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn remotely on Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th March Attend the school site on Wednesday 10th at an allocated time for a Covid test Return to school as normal on Thursday 11th Attend every day after this
Year 8 and 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn remotely on Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th March Attend the school site on Thursday 11th at an allocated time for a Covid test Return to school as normal on Friday 12th March Attend every day after this

Masks

The government guidance has been updated and mask wearing is now recommended in all settings where distancing cannot be maintained, including in classrooms. We are requesting that all students (unless exempt) wear masks, and that this guidance is followed.

Academic Review Day

This was scheduled to take place on Friday 12th March, however, will be postponed, and so this will now be a normal school day for all students.

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Exam grades

The government have provided a recent update with the headline approach for the process of awarding exam grades this year. It is our priority to ensure that all students receive accurate grades; we are waiting for the full guidance, which is currently due to be released on Monday 8th March, and will update parents and students after this point.

Free school meals and lunch

The week beginning 1st March will be the last week that the government is providing weekly FSM vouchers through Edenred. Once students are attending school again lunch will run as normal. If students are eligible for FSM then they will be offered a packed lunch to take home on the day they attend school for their Covid test.

In the week commencing 8th March, the school will still provide a weekly food bag to those families currently receiving these. If you are not currently picking up a weekly food bag, but would like to request one, please email admin@mulberryschoolforgirls.org

A reminder of contact details for our school Designated Safeguarding Lead, and all Heads of Year:

Designated Safeguarding Lead	Kirsty Pugh	kpugh@mulberryschoolstrust.org
Head of Year 7	Rachel King	rking@mulberryschoolstrust.org
Head of Year 8	Emma Brown	ebrown@mulberryschoolstrust.org
Head of Year 9	Dawn Reid	dreid@mulberryschoolstrust.org
Head of Year 10	Saffia Rawat	srawat@mulberryschoolstrust.org
Head of Year 11	Dorothy Asare	dasare@mulberryschoolstrust.org
Head of Year 12	Bethany Roberts	broberts@mulberryschoolstrust.org
Head of Year 13	Samia Hadjadji	shadjadji@mulberryschoolstrust.org

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



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Associate Headteacher



Ms A Ward
Associate Headteacher

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