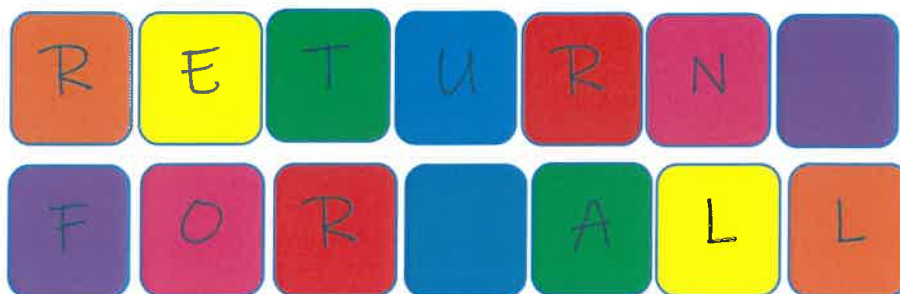


# LATHOM HIGH SCHOOL



*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March*

Following updates from central government and Lancashire County Council we are looking forward to welcoming our students back. **School will reopen to all years on phased return from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

## DATES FOR RETURN:

Monday 8 March - Y7

Tuesday 9 March - Y11

Wednesday 10 March - Y10

Thursday 11 March - Y8

Friday 12 March - Y9

	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
Monday 8 March	X				
Tuesday 9 March	X				X
Wednesday 10 March	X			X	X
Thursday 11 March	X	X		X	X
Friday 12 March	X	X	X	X	X

From the week beginning **Monday 15 March**, all children will be in school every day.

## TESTING AND FACE COVERINGS

As you are aware, government guidance is that for full reopening of schools, we are asking for **consent to complete 3 lateral flow tests**. Testing will take place the morning the year group is due to return, in the Sports Hall. As soon as a negative test is confirmed, students will return to the classroom. Following that, year groups will be tested in school on two more occasions completing their third test by Friday 19 March. From the first day back in school, **masks will continue to be compulsory on buses, on the corridors and in the dining room**. In line with latest government guidance, there is now a development and **masks must also be worn in the classrooms** from the date that students return to school.

## TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Students are encouraged to walk, cycle or be dropped off at school where possible.

Our **school buses will continue to run, with no change to the timing of the bus schedule.**

The following measures will be in place:

- Year groups will travel on specific buses
- Students must wear face coverings when travelling
- Lathom Staff will continue to assist on the school bus
- Details of students travelling on the bus service will be held for track and trace purposes

## TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL CONTINUED

At the end of the day, the bus queues will be in the following locations:

Year 7 and 8 - Birch Green, Digmoor, Tanhouse at the front of school

Years 9, 10 and 11 - Birch Green, Digmoor, Tanhouse side path

This is a reminder that the **cost of a return bus ticket is £3** and the school bus provider is not giving change at this time. Correct change is needed daily. All do have **monthly bus passes, purchased through direct debit**, which would then allow for students to travel cashless. If you would like further details on this please email: [familysupport@lathom.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:familysupport@lathom.lancs.sch.uk).

As stated previously, government guidance states that **face coverings are compulsory on dedicated school transport**.

## ARRIVING AT SCHOOL AND THE SCHOOL DAY

On your first day back to school, please line up in your usual area - you will then register in the Sports Hall and once testing is complete return to lesson.

YEAR GROUP	ENTRY POINT
Year 7	Front of School (Main Entrance)
Year 8	Enter PE Quad Line up on PE quad
Year 9	Lower back Gate Line up on lower yard
Year 10	Enter PE Quad Line up on PE quad
Year 11	Lower Back Gate Enter through L3 entrance

**Form tutors will meet students at the beginning of the school day** to take students into their tutor bases. **Hand sanitising stations are available upon every entrance point** and along corridors.

Students will **remain in specific areas ('zones')** in their year group bubbles. All students will continue to **follow their personal timetable** and will be taught by their class teacher for each subject.

Year groups will be based in the following areas:

YEAR GROUP	TEACHING BASE
Year 7	M5 - M11
Year 8	M16 - U2
Year 9	U9 - U12
Year 10	U4 - U8
Year 11	L4 - L10

Classrooms will **remain ventilated**, with **hand sanitising stations in each room**. Students are reminded to **bring their own equipment**. Students will have a seating plan whilst in their classroom.

## EATING ARRANGEMENTS AND SOCIAL TIME

A reminder that we are now a **cashless school** and therefore any exchange of 'money' needs to be via ScoPay. Please make sure you have money added to your account to pay for lunch.

We will continue to **provide toast at break time for all students, free of charge**. Please remember that we are a nut free school and any snacks brought into school must not contain nuts.

Break time arrangements are as follows:

YEAR GROUP	ARRANGEMENT
Year 7	DT Quad
Year 8	PE Quad
Year 9	Dining Room
Year 10	Dining Room
Year 11	Lower Yard

Lunch time arrangements will remain in place for year group bubbles to have allocated spaces to spend their social time.

## UNIFORM

All students are required to be in full uniform from their first day back in school and we are asking for your support with this. Please remember that this includes black school shoes and not trainers. School skirts must be our mandatory school skirt. Please contact either [familysupport@lathom.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:familysupport@lathom.lancs.sch.uk) or AHoy if you need any help or clarification around this.

## COMPLETED WORK AND DEVICES

Any **work that has been completed at home** should be **returned on the first day back**. Please give this to subject teachers. It is important that this work is returned to help teachers review remote learning and support students upon their full return.

We also have been able to loan a number of laptops to support home learning. Please can we ask that on the first day back into school, the **device that has been loaned is returned to school**. If in the future, we have any further bubble closures, laptops can then be issued to support learning.

## COVID 19 symptoms/cases upon reopening

Please remember that should you, your child or any member of your household **show any of the COVID 19 symptoms, you should remain at home**, going for a **test as a matter of urgency**. Please can you **alert school straight away** to ensure that we are able to follow our risk assessment and prepare our track and trace system.

If the test comes back negative, please return to school when your child is feeling fit and well.

**If the test comes back positive, please let school know straight away and we will follow test and trace and discuss appropriate self-isolation period.**

Please **call or email school should you have any concerns or further questions regarding this** and we will be more than happy to talk things through and help to solve any queries.

## Frequently Asked Questions Continued:

Will children have to wear a mask constantly throughout the school day?

In line with government instruction, face coverings are to be worn on school buses, in the corridors and in the dining room. Students must wear masks in the classroom. Students will not need to wear masks whilst eating their lunch or in outdoor space.

It would be useful for students to have their mask and a spare should they lose one or simply want to change throughout the day.

### **What happens if my child is exempt from wearing a face mask?**

Pastoral staff have been contacting families this week to discuss face coverings. If students are exempt we have asked for this to be shared with [familysupport@lathom.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:familysupport@lathom.lancs.sch.uk) in order for our register of students who are exempt is prepared upon return.

### **What will happen if families do not consent to testing?**

Again, pastoral staff have been calling families to discuss permission for testing. All students have been asked to return on set day to support whole year group testing. Students will have an allocated seat in the Sports Hall as part of this process whether they have consented to testing or not. Students will remain with their year group and attend lessons, education will not be withheld. All students will be shown the process of completing the lateral flow testing should they need to conduct this in the future.

### **How do parents know the result of the lateral flow test?**

School staff will register student's results for the three lateral flow tests that are undertaken within the first fortnight. This will be using the NHS track and trace system and our school centre testing site identification. If student's lateral flow is positive, you will be alerted as soon as this result is confirmed and will discuss next steps around isolation and further testing.

### **If I have a query – what do I do?**

Parent drop in runs every Tuesday from 2pm until 5pm. To reduce the amount of visitors to school, we ask in the first instance that your enquiry is via telephone or through email to [familysupport@lathom.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:familysupport@lathom.lancs.sch.uk). Should you then need to then come into school, you will be invited in through an appointment. Please do not come into school without an appointment.

### **Will I have a parents evening for my child?**

Parents evening have been allocated on the school calendar and are now being held as virtual events on School Cloud.

We will be closely monitoring government and local advice as we move into the summer term and any further changes to the school calendar will be shared with you ahead of the event.