

26 February 2021

Re-opening Information, March 2021

Dear parent/carer,

I am delighted to confirm that all students will be returning to school following the recent lockdown. The rationale for re-opening schools has been based on the government's confidence in:

1. The ongoing successful vaccine deployment programme.
2. The effectiveness of the vaccines in reducing hospitalisations and deaths in those vaccinated.
3. Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospitalisations which would put unsustainable pressure on the NHS.
4. Assessment of the risks is not fundamentally changed by new Variants of Concern.

Phased return week beginning March 8

There will be an initial phased return to school for your child/ren. School attendance will be mandatory from their first day during the week beginning 8 March unless your child is clinically extremely vulnerable or unwell. This is to ensure that students can be tested, where consent is given. Where consent is provided, students are required to be tested three times over two weeks.

The link for giving consent can be accessed by clicking [here](#). This must be completed by no later than **Tuesday, 2 March by 5.30 pm** so we can bring in staff to manage this process. Further information on the testing process can be found by clicking [here](#).

The phased return will start with Post 16 and Year 11 students being booked for testing only on Friday, 5 March. Details of the booking times during the morning and afternoon will be sent to you and your child after giving consent. On the testing day, the students will be given a time slot to come into school to be tested, and then go home.

Year 11 and Post 16 students will then commence face-to-face lessons on Monday, 8 March. The table below explains the sequence of testing the day before and then starting lessons the following school day.

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Am/ PM	Friday 05/03	Sat	Sun	Mon 08/03	Tues 09/03	Wed 10/03	Thurs 11/03	Fri 12/03
AM	P16 Testing only			Y10 Testing only		Y8A-half Testing only	Y7A-half Testing only	
PM	Y11 Testing only				Y9 Testing only	Y8B-half Testing only	Y7B-half Testing only	
Year group in school for face to face lessons	None			P16 Y11	P16 Y11 Y10	P16 Y11 Y10 Y9	P16 Y11 Y10 Y9 Y8	P16 Y11 Y10 Y9 Y8 Y7

Whilst students are being returned in a phased approach, remote live lessons will continue. Students of critical workers/vulnerable category will continue to attend school as normal until their peers have fully returned.

After March 11, remote lessons will only continue if there is a need for groups of students to self-isolate.

Finally, on Thursday 4 March and Friday 5 March there will be no live lessons, but work will be set by your child's teachers to help them prepare for the school face-to-face restart.

Guidance on returning

The school website (www.kscs.org.uk/re-opening) will have information to help you and your child with regard to returning. There will be information on:

1. Expectations (uniform, behaviour, face masks, etc.).
2. The school day (it is the same as the autumn term, but we will remind you of things you may have forgotten about!).
3. Support for any worries that may have arisen during lockdown or about re-opening.
4. Teacher Assessment Grades process.
5. Details of the home testing kits that will be supplied after the initial three testing sessions have taken place.
6. 'Ask the school' section of the webpage with an FAQ and answer section.

Many of the above information will appear from Monday 1 March.

I trust this is a helpful starting point, offering clarity that there is a phased return with a designated testing day which is before the start date. Please note that all students will be required to attend even if consent is not provided for the test to take place. However, it is important to note the start day for the whole cohort during the week beginning 8 March.

Finally, I am grateful for your support during this lock down. The next few weeks will focus on re-establishing routines, enthusiasm for learning and, indeed, support.

I and the staff are really looking forward to welcoming the students back.

Yours sincerely

Bryan Erwin



Principal

HOW TO GET YOUR COVID-19 TEST

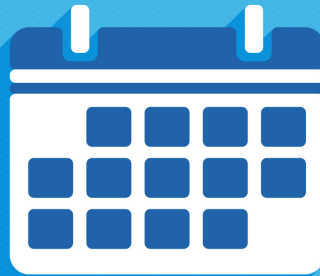
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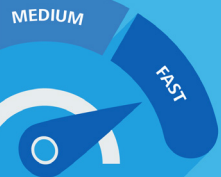
YOUR COVID-19 TEST WILL BE SCHEDULED. IF YOU ARE UNDER 16, YOUR PARENT / CARER WILL HAVE CONSENTED

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WHEN YOU ARRIVE, SOMEONE WILL BE THERE IF YOU NEED HELP

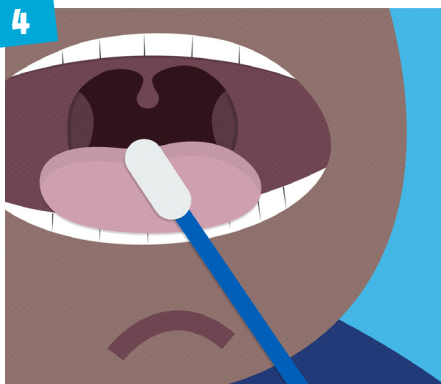


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YOUR TEST WILL BE FAST AND WHILE IT MIGHT FEEL A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE, IT WON'T HURT YOU

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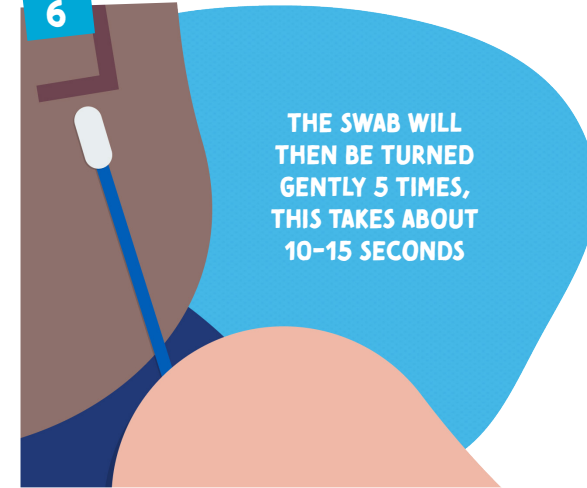
TO START YOU WILL BE ASKED TO OPEN YOUR MOUTH WIDELY AND SAY 'AHHHH' SO A SWAB CAN BE GENTLY RUBBED ON THE BACK OF YOUR THROAT

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AFTER 10 SECONDS, YOUR TESTING HELPER WILL CAREFULLY REMOVE THE SWAB AND GENTLY PLACE IT UP ONE OF YOUR NOSTRILS



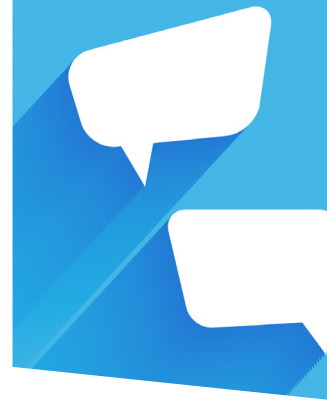
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THE SWAB WILL THEN BE TURNED GENTLY 5 TIMES, THIS TAKES ABOUT 10-15 SECONDS

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YOU CAN ASK YOUR TESTING HELPER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE BUT THAT'S IT, YOU'RE ALL DONE AND YOUR TEST IS COMPLETE



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AFTER THIS, YOUR SWAB WILL BE REMOVED GENTLY AND PLACED IN A VIAL FOR TESTING

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YOUR SCHOOL / COLLEGE WILL CONTACT YOU OR YOUR PARENT / CARER WITH THE RESULTS AND LET YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NEXT