

# Sponne School

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Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

## **RE: Spring Term Update 5: Reopening of Schools**

I hope that you managed to find some screen-free time during the half term and that your children were able to recharge their batteries ready for the term ahead.

As expected we heard from the Prime Minister last night regarding the easing of the current lockdown and specifically about the reopening of schools.

The really good news is that all schools will be opening from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March for face-to-face teaching and we very much look forward to welcoming students back to Sponne School. However, the detailed guidance that schools have received specifies that secondary students will need to take a lateral flow test as they return and therefore it is expected that schools will phase this return over the week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> March. We will be using The Hollick Hall as our testing centre and will invite year groups back on specific days so that this testing can take place, with all students back in school by the end of the week. As this guidance has only just been received we are now working on our plans for a sensible and managed return and will communicate this to you as soon as we have the details.

With this in mind we have had an approximate 65-70% return for the consent to take these lateral flow tests and I would be grateful if those of you who have not yet completed the form follow this [LINK](#) and return it to us by the end of this week.

Other points of note include the additional wearing of face coverings throughout the school day and the provision of rapid tests for students to use at home, probably after the Easter break.

In the meantime we have two further weeks of remote learning and it is really important to maintain good routines in preparation for the return in March. If there is anything that your son/daughter needs during this time please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours sincerely

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