

## Frequently Asked Questions about the re-Opening of School

**Do I need to wear a face mask?** Yes. You must bring a face mask to school each day. It is a good idea to bring a spare face mask to school as well in case you lose it. Students need to remember to avoid touching their face and should wash/sanitise their hands frequently. We have sanitisers at the entrance to each classroom.

**What do I do if I feel unwell?** Students should not come on site if they are showing any symptoms of Coronavirus – a new or continuous cough, a high temperature or a change in your sense of taste or smell. If you have any of these symptoms you must stay at home and book a Covid Test. You must contact the school to let us know that you are getting a test, please email [studentabsence@wreake.bepschools.org](mailto:studentabsence@wreake.bepschools.org)

If a student is too ill to come to school, (either due to Covid symptoms or they are unwell for other reasons) please contact us at [studentabsence@wreake.bepschools.org](mailto:studentabsence@wreake.bepschools.org) to let us know.

If a student starts to feel unwell during the school day they must tell a member of staff immediately who will help them.

**Do students have to wear uniform when they come into school for testing?** Yes Wreake Valley students are expected to wear their uniform when they come into school for testing. Bradgate Sixth Form students are expected to follow the dress code for Post 16 students.

**Where do students go when they come in for testing?** Students will be met by staff at the gates and directed to the testing site.

**Is the Lateral Flow Test just a nasal test?** Our Lateral Flow Test is a swab of your tonsils and nose. If students have a problem with swabbing their tonsils they can swab both nostrils instead. Students will carry out the test themselves with guidance from a trained testing volunteer. Watch our video to see how quick and easy it is to take a Lateral Flow Test  
<https://www.wreake.bepschools.org/covid-19/>

**My child cannot wear a mask do I need to provide medical evidence of this?** Yes please, send your medical evidence eg: hospital or GP letter to [admin@wreake.bepschools.org](mailto:admin@wreake.bepschools.org) marked for the attention of the Head of Year with your child's name and tutor group.

**My child is coming into school at 9.45am – 10.15am for a test, does this mean they go home afterwards?** Yes that is correct unless your child is in Year 8 and they will stay in school after their test on Friday.

**If my child's time slot is 9.45am – 10.15am can they come in at any time during the time slot or do they have to be at school for 9.45am?** Students should arrive at the beginning of their time slot. We aim to have the LFT completed by the end of the time slot when students can be picked up.

**Will buses be available for the week when students are being testing? **There has been a slight change to original information we sent out.**** The bus provided by Leicestershire County Council, known as the Village bus which covers Thrussington, Rearsby & Gaddesby have now informed us that they will now run from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

The Birstall/Rothley/Mountsorrel/Sileby bus will run from 15<sup>th</sup> March.

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**Can I drop off and pick up my child from school?** Yes. If picking up by car we ask that you avoid coming onto the school site for the safety of all students and that you stay in your car. If you are walking to pick up your child, we ask that only one adult picks up the student and that you do not come on to the school site. In all cases please adhere to the 2 metre social distance rule.

**Will we be required to carry out Lateral Flow Testing at home?** We are waiting for further information from the Department for Education and will let you know as soon as we receive it.

**What will students need to bring to school?** Students will need to bring a school bag with the following equipment each day: pen; pencil; ruler; rubber; calculator; coloured pencils (if you have them); packed lunch and drink; tissues and your home learning book. Students cannot borrow equipment from each other.

**Are we following a normal timetable?** Yes, students will be following the same timetable. The times of the school day have been adjusted for the weeks up to the Easter break to help allow for additional cleaning and Lateral Flow Testing.

**What week is it on the timetable?** The week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> March is a week D, the week beginning the 15<sup>th</sup> March is a week A.

**Do we come in PE kit on days with PE?** Yes, students should come to school wearing their PE kit on days when they have PE.

**Will we still have 5 hours of work set on the day I need to come into school for the Lateral Flow Test because I won't have time to do it all?** We will continue to set online work until the day after your year group has had their LFT. We fully understand that you will not be able to complete all the work for the day that you come in for your Lateral Flow Test

**Can students in years 7 -11 still wear jumpers under our blazers because the classrooms will be ventilated/cold?** We will be ensuring that classrooms are well ventilated and students will be spending as much time as possible outside so yes, students are encouraged to wear lots of warm clothing. We ask that jumpers are a WVA school jumper or a plain black, grey or navy jumper/sweatshirt with no logos. Students should also ensure that they bring a coat and maybe gloves, scarf and hat to keep warm at break and lunchtimes.

**Will we be assessed the first day back?** No, students will not be having any formal assessments on their first day back. Our main focus is to ensure that students return to school and establish good routines. Lesson time will be spent reinforcing the learning that took place during the Home Schooling. Teachers will be assessing students as they complete their normal classwork and will use this information to modify their teaching to fill in any gaps in knowledge and understanding. As we go forward teachers will carry out assessments but will let students know in advance when these will be taking place.

**Do we bring our home learning books to school and who do we hand them into?  
Will they be checked?**

Yes, students should bring their learning books into school. Your class teachers may require you to refer to the work that you completed during the Home Schooling. Students may also want to speak to their class teachers regarding any problems that they had with the work. Where possible students may be asked to remove work from the work book to give to their subject teachers.

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**Will students be doing practical lessons for food?** Yes students will be able to do practical lessons in food and will be required to wear a mask and bring in their own aprons.

**Will visitors be allowed into school?** The school is closed to all visitors unless they have a prearranged appointment. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please phone the school. If you have an appointment, you must not come onto site if you have any Coronavirus symptoms – a new or continuous cough, a high temperature or a change in your sense of taste or smell.

**Are staff excited about having students back in school?**  
Most definitely!