



The South Wolds  
Academy  
and Sixth Form

24<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As promised, I am pleased to share with you the plan at South Wolds to welcome everyone back on site safely and in line with the government's testing expectations and guidance. It is an important reminder that if any student, member of staff or any other adult is showing one or more symptoms of COVID-19, or has been in direct close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or is required to isolate in line with Public Health England guidance, they must **not** come on to the school site.

The main symptoms are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

### **Lateral Flow testing**

Whilst primary schools have been asked to begin immediate on site provision from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, secondary schools have rightly been given a little more flexibility due to now having to test students before welcoming them back on site. Schools have been asked to test students three times, with 3-5 days in between each test, to support tracking asymptomatic carriers of COVID-19 and breaking chains of transmission, but also importantly to show students how to self-test, once kits are made available from the government for all students to do so at home, from March 15<sup>th</sup>. It remains important to understand that tests cannot proceed in school without formal consent – if a student is under the age of 16 then this consent must be given by a parent or legal guardian. A link to the consent form is [here](#) and is the same as the form issued on 8<sup>th</sup> January, therefore if you have already completed this you do not need to do so again.

Please can you complete this form, if you have not already done so, by **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 6pm**. This will then enable the team to plan the testing schedule in greater detail. If your child is not provided with/does not give consent for a test they will still be expected to attend school on site full time in line with the timetable below, from the 'Full year group return date'. Until your child returns to lessons on site, they will still be expected to engage fully with the remote curriculum.

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## Timetable of phased return

Secondary schools have been asked to prioritise the return of exam classes on to site and in line with this the timetable for return is as follows, which is wrapped around our in-school asymptomatic testing schedule:

TEACHING SCHEDULE					
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Students REMOTE LEARNING</b>	- Years 7-10 - Year 11 (Periods 1-3 only)	- Years 7 to 10 (*Yr10 complete work in school with class teacher or online)	- Years 7 to 9 (*Yr7 complete work in school with class teacher or online)	- Years 8 to 9 (*Yr8 complete work in school with class teacher or online)	- Year 9 (*Yr9 complete in school with class teacher or online)
		*this is based on those students who are in school on that specific day being tested. Please refer to testing information to be published once consent forms have all been received.			
<b>Students ON SITE</b>	- Post 16 - Vulnerable /critical workers' children	- Post 16 - Year 11 - Year 10 (who have been tested) - Vulnerable /critical workers' children	- Post 16 - Year 11 - Year 10 - Year 7 (who have been tested) - Vulnerable /critical workers' children	- Post 16 - Year 11 - Year 10 - Year 7 - Year 8 (who have been tested) - Vulnerable /critical workers' children	- Post 16 - Year 11 - Year 10 - Year 7 - Year 8 - Year 9 (who have been tested) - Vulnerable /critical workers' children
<b>Full year group return date</b>	Post 16: Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March Year 11: Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March Year 10: Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March Year 7: Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March Year 8: Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March Year 9: Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March				

All students are expected to be back on site according to this timetable and it is important that you read this carefully so that students return at the correct time in line with the rest of their year group. Attendance is compulsory for all students and we are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance please contact their Head of Year in the first instance.

## Face coverings

As stated in my previous letter, face coverings are now recommended in classroom settings unless there are exceptions in the timetable that will be communicated to you. Students will need to wear these when asked, unless they are exempt in which case they will be provided with a medical card to show to staff when requested to do so. The safe removal and application of a face covering is part of the required system of controls we have in place and it is important students have a safe place to store their face coverings when not in use, as well as observing enhanced hand hygiene when removing them. Classrooms and communal areas will continue to have hand sanitiser for all students to use regularly, although students may bring their own small bottles in for individual use should they wish.

## Uniform

All students are expected to attend school in full school uniform. I am delighted to share that our PE changing rooms have had a much needed face lift and are ready for use by students. Therefore when your child has PE on their timetable they need to bring their school PE kit to change into. A link to our uniform expectation is [here](#) as a helpful reminder.

## Key worker provision

Our onsite provision for the children of key workers will continue as we move to full reopening. Please continue to complete the [website form](#) to book a place, should you urgently require it over the next two weeks.

I appreciate there is a lot of information here but wanted you to have as much notice as possible of our arrangements. As soon as consent forms have been received then the team will be in touch with you directly regarding testing arrangements. To be clear, these will only be sent to those who have submitted a consent form.

If you need anything further, please contact the school office who will direct your query to the relevant person to help you and in the meantime please continue to stay safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Halina Angus', with a stylized, cursive script.

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