



**BINGLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL**  
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### School Opening Procedures from w/b 08.03.21

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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start by thanking you all for your support during the recent lockdown and recognise that our students have been showing exemplary resilience through their excellent engagement with their remote learning. Our staff have been very proud of their efforts on a day to day basis.

This now brings us on to the complex issue of re-opening the school. We are looking forward to welcoming all of our students back into school however we will have to operate a staggered system of return to allow us to do this as safely as possible. This will also allow us to maintain a high level of Lateral Flow testing for students and provide face to face teaching for all Year 11, 12 and 13 students as a result of the recent examination guidelines.

The table below shows when students will be expected in school over the next week, along with the lateral flow test dates for each year group. Full remote learning using Google Classroom and Google Meet will continue for Y7 – Y10 when they are not required to be in school. For example, Year 8 are expected to be in school for the entire day on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March and we will also perform the lateral flow tests for Year 8 on the same day.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8th March</b>	Y11	Y12	Y13
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9th March</b>	Y7	Y10	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10th March</b>	Y8	Y9	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11th March</b>	Y11	Y12	Y13
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12th March</b>	Y7	Y10	

The students will be in school for the entire day when they are scheduled to be attending school. **Years 11, 12 and 13 will be in school for the entirety of the w/b 08.03 to allow them to rapidly catch up before final teacher grades are required.** We will supply more information to parents and students on how this exam grading process will operate shortly.

**All students will return, full time on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of March.** The rapid flow testing dates for that week are as follows:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>15th March</b>	Y8	Y9	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>16th March</b>	Y11	Y12	Y13
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>17th March</b>	Y7	Y10	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18th March</b>	Y8	Y9	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>19th March</b>	Catch-up testing day		

#### Testing:

All students, where parents/carers have completed a consent form for them to have a Lateral Flow Test must follow the above timetable and report to the Old Gym and staff will direct them from there. The testing will be available from 08:00 so any students that arrive early can join the queue for testing.

### Face coverings:

Due to the updated guidance from the DfE, we have needed to update our policy on the wearing of face coverings in school when we return. It is the DfE and PHE's recommendation that students should wear a face covering in classrooms (in addition to corridors and communal areas as was the case in the Autumn term) unless a 2-metre social distance can be maintained and school has been asked to ensure that this is in place. As it is not possible to maintain a 2-metre social distance in our classrooms when all our students return, the recommendation is a requirement unless an individual has a specified exemption reason for not needing to wear a face covering. This will be in place until Easter when it will be reviewed by the government. This change to the face covering regulations is one of the measures that should ensure that our school community is as safe as possible on a day-to-day basis.

### The School Day:

We will revert back to our previous Autumn Term school day (see below) as of Monday 08.03.21.

		<b>Zone A</b>	<b>Zone B</b>	<b>Zone C</b>
		N6	Restaurant	KS5 Canteen
		Courts	T Bock Yard	KS5 Common Room
		Sports Hall - Toilets	Main toilets	KS5 toilets
<b>Period 1a</b>	<b>8:30 - 09:20</b>			
<b>Period 1b</b>	<b>09:20 - 10:00</b>			
<b>Period 2a/b</b>	<b>10:00 - 11:40</b>			
Break	10:00 - 10:20	10	7	12
	10:20 - 10:30	CLEAN	CLEAN	CLEAN
	10:30 - 10:50	X	8	13
	10:50 - 11:00	CLEAN	CLEAN	CLEAN
	11:00 - 11:20	x	9	X
	11:20 - 11:40	11	CLEAN	x
<b>Period 3a/b</b>	<b>11:40 - 13:20</b>			
Lunch	12:00 - 12:20	10	7	12
	12:20 - 12:30	CLEAN	CLEAN	CLEAN
	12:30 - 12:50	X	8	13
	12:50 - 13:00	CLEAN	CLEAN	CLEAN
	13:00 - 13:20	11	9	X
<b>Period 4a</b>	<b>13:20 - 14:00</b>			
<b>Period 4b</b>	<b>14:00 - 14:50</b>			

The timetable, breaks/lunches and year bubble areas will be exactly the same as before the students left for this latest lockdown.

**Lateness to school:**

Due to ongoing building work, we have had to make a temporary change to the usual late procedures. If your son/daughter is late for school they should enter through Quinn Block between 8.30am - 9am, they will be met by the attendance team and they will need to use their lanyard to check in. Anyone arriving after this time should go to the main reception and sign in there.

**Behaviour:**

In these extraordinary circumstances we continue to expect our students to behave responsibly and help us run the school safely, having respect for all and an understanding that everyone has had different experiences of COVID over the past 12 months. From September to December this was shown clearly through the following:

- By October half term - 4241 less negative achievement points were given out compared to the same period the year before
- By December – 8103 less negative achievement points were given out compared to the same period the year before

Therefore, it follows that when reopening, we expect high standards in terms of safety, behaviour and engagement. Students will also be reminded of these expectations in their welcome back from SLT and we hope they build upon the good work shown in term one for example:

- Y11 have shown this with 270 students having a 'good or better' average Engagement with Learning Score
- Y10 have shown this on 'Fantastic Friday's' with an average of 3 negatives for the whole year group being given out each Friday
- Y9 have shown this through getting more Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative points than they did last year in the same time period

As parents you will also receive the same materials delivered by SLT so you can see the expectations with a specific focus on 'High expectations for learning in the classroom' to help the students have a settled start within the reopening and beyond. You will also continue to receive at least a bi - weekly update from Mr Atkinson regarding any changes to the behaviour overview and to continue to celebrating the excellent engagement of our students.

**Uniform:**

We will still continue with an abridged school uniform with no ties. However, all other aspects must be worn. To compensate for the windows and doors being open at all times we are allowing:

- Bingley Grammar School branded hoodies/Bingley Grammar School branded jumper (Either under or over the blazer)
- Black or a grey jumper with a small appropriate logo
- Coats
- Scarves/Gloves

If you foresee any problems with this, please contact your child's year team.

**Well-Being:**

During this lockdown we have been calling families at least every two weeks and this has allowed us to gain an understanding about how the students have been coping. With the return to school it is (as ever) highly important we continue to focus on this and as well as the SLT welcome back, the students will be having another session which focuses on well-being. In this we will sign post to key people in school (Year teams) and outside agencies as well as focus on focusing on things they can control. Again we will share this resource with you once delivered. Also please do visit the link below for further information:

<https://www.bingleygrammar.org/parents-carers/looking-after-personal-well-being-and-mental-health/>

**Asymptomatic Home Testing:**

As you will be aware, the government has requested that students undertake the lateral flow tests at home after they have completed three in school. As of today, we have not yet received the kits in school and so we will send a separate communication with the details as soon as we know what types of kits are being supplied.

I have tried to keep this letter brief and just let you know about the important details for the opening of the school as I understand that these will be a difficult few days for both you and your children. I am sure I speak for most of us that we did not expect the school to be open before Easter but the decision has been made and the most important area for us is to keep our school community as safe as possible. The return to school after the last lockdown was seamless due to the exemplary attitude and resilience of our students and staff and I am sure it will be as successful a restart as before. We will be sending out updates as required over the next week or so but please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any questions answered.

**Covid-19 protocols:**

All stakeholders (pupils, families and staff) will be sent a document at the end of this week with the most up to date information about Covid-19 symptoms and isolation requirements. In addition to this, an updated version of the whole school risk assessment will be posted onto the school website.

Best wishes



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