



re: Government announcement of Schools extending opening from 8th March

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you had an enjoyable half-term, are well and staying safe.

As you may know, yesterday, the Prime Minister announced that all secondary schools in England are to begin opening to all students from Monday 8 March with all year groups returning to school as soon as possible within a regime of lateral flow testing. This represents the first step of the national roadmap out of our current lockdown.

Whilst this announcement and subsequent documentation gives some detail for us to work with there are other key announcements and detail expected this week surrounding e.g. implementing lateral flow testing for all students, summer grades, new risk assessment standards and no doubt much more guidance to follow on what the coming weeks of preparation and return for students will look like.

We look forward to welcoming our young people back in two weeks' time. I anticipate that it will take us at least this week to assimilate and plan our implementation of the guidance. I ask therefore for your patience over the coming days despite the many questions I am sure you will have. Please be assured there will be time to share our plans at the start of next week and answer questions that arise as a result.

Until 8 March, Bohunt School Worthing will continue to be open, as it has been since the start of this term, for vulnerable children or those of key workers. We will continue to provide online learning for all other students, as before half-term.

Thank you - as always - for your support and forbearance.

Yours sincerely

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