



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your loved ones are safe and well. Please see below for information concerning the testing and phased return to school of all students. Yesterday you should have received an electronic consent form for testing. Please ensure this is completed to school by Wednesday 3rd March.

Overview

From March 8th all pupils will start to return to school. Maricourt students will be offered testing before returning to face to face learning which means that there will be a staggered start, the details for which are below. Parents and carers need to complete the consent form and send it back to Maricourt by Wednesday 3rd March. Students aged 16 years and over can self-consent.

When students do return they will still be in year bubbles and their designated outdoor and indoor zones with specific doors for entry and exit will still be in operation. Students' timetables also remain unchanged. All safety measures are detailed in the school's risk assessment which is available on the school website.

Testing

Up to one third of people who have coronavirus are asymptomatic. By testing we will help to reduce the spread in school through asymptomatic transmission. I am therefore strongly encouraging those returning to school to be tested. Students who consent to being tested should attend the venue indicated below on the date and at the time specified. Those consenting to testing will be tested in school three times over the first two weeks. After this time, home testing will begin.

Once on site they will be tested and remain supervised until the test result is received, which usually takes about 30 minutes. The tests will be supported by trained staff. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose and throat. If negative, students will return to class where work will be provided. Once everyone in the year group who consents to a test has been tested, normal face to face teaching will resume and students will follow their normal timetables. Parents will only be informed if the test result is positive. Individuals with a positive test will need to self-isolate in line with guidance below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Staff or students who have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive will be notified by the school and will need to self-isolate for 10 days in line with Government guidance.

This testing programme at Maricourt is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate and book a test by calling 119 or visiting

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>



Return Schedule

All students should continue to follow their timetable for online learning until their return. Students consenting to testing should return on the date and time indicated to receive their test. Those who do not wish to be tested should return on the date and at the time indicated in the final row of the table.

Key Worker Students

The arrangements for students who have been attending during lockdown will continue as before. Once their whole year group is back for face to face teaching, they will re-join their classes.

Year 12 and Y13

Students Who Wish to be Tested			
Date	Time	Form	Venue
Friday 5 th March PM	1.10pm	13 1	Newman Gym
	1.10pm	13 2	Newman Gym
	1.10pm	13 3	Newman Gym
	1.10pm	13 4	Arnold Hall
	1.10pm	13 5	Arnold Hall
	2.10pm	12 1	Newman Gym
	2.10pm	12 2	Newman Gym
	2.10pm	12 3	Arnold Hall
	2.10pm	12 4	Arnold Hall
	2.10pm	12 5	Arnold Hall
Students Who Do Not Wish to be Tested All other Y12 and Y13 students should return by 8.50 am on Monday 8 th March when normal timetables will resume.			

Year 11

Students Who Wish to be Tested			
Date	Time	Form	Venue
Monday 8 th March AM	9.10am	11A	Newman Gym
	9.10am	11B	Arnold Hall
	10.10am	11C	Newman Gym
	10.10 am	11F	Arnold Hall
	10.10am	11H	Arnold Hall
	11.35am	11M	Newman Gym
	11.35am	11P	Newman Gym
	11.35am	11R	Arnold Hall
Students Who Do Not Wish to be Tested All other Year 11 students should be on site by 1.10pm on Monday 8 th March when normal timetables will resume.			



Year 10

Students Who Wish to be Tested			
Date	Time	Form	Venue
Monday 8 th March PM	1.10pm	10A	Newman Gym
	1.10pm	10B	Arnold Hall
	1.10pm	10C	Newman Gym
	2.10pm	10F	Newman Gym
	2.10pm	10H	Arnold Hall
	2.10pm	10M	Newman Gym
	2.10pm	10P	Arnold Hall
Students Who Do Not Wish to be Tested All other Year 10 students should be on site by 9.10am on Tuesday 9 th March when normal timetables will resume.			

Year 7

Students Who Wish to be Tested			
Date	Time	Form	Venue
Tuesday 9 th March AM	9.10am	7A	Newman Gym
	9.10am	7B	Arnold Hall
	10.10am	7C	Arnold Hall
	10.10 am	7F	Arnold Hall
	11.35am	7H	Arnold Hall
	11.35am	7M	Newman Gym
	11.35am	7P	Newman Gym
Students Who Do Not Wish to be Tested All other Y7 students should be on site by 1.10pm on Tuesday 9 th March when normal timetables will resume.			

Year 9

Students Who Wish to be Tested			
Date	Time	Form	Venue
Tuesday 9 th March PM	1.10pm	9A	Newman Gym
	1.10pm	9B	Arnold Hall
	1.10pm	9C	Newman Gym
	2.10pm	9F	Arnold Hall
	2.10pm	9H	Arnold Hall
	2.10pm	9M	Newman Gym
	2.10pm	9P	Newman Gym
Students Who Do Not Wish to be Tested All other Y9 students should be on site by 9.10pm on Wednesday 10 th March when normal timetables will resume.			



Year 8

Students Who Wish to be Tested			
Date	Time	Form	Venue
Wednesday 10 th March AM	9.10am	8A	Newman Gym
	9.10am	8B	Arnold Hall
	10.10am	8C	Arnold Hall
	10.10 am	8F	Arnold Hall
	11.35am	8H	Arnold Hall
	11.35am	8M	Newman Gym
	11.35am	8P	Newman Gym
Students Who Do Not Wish to be Tested			
All other Y8 students should be on site by 1.10pm on Wednesday 10 th March when normal timetables will resume.			

Equipment

Students must bring their own equipment into school for lessons. This includes pens, pencils, ruler, calculator and any specialist equipment they require for their lessons. In line with the government's operational guidance for schools, we strongly recommend the use of face coverings in classrooms and communal areas. Students should provide their own face coverings. Face coverings are still compulsory on public transport to and from school. Guidance on who is exempt from wearing face coverings can be found by following the link below.

[Face coverings: when to wear one, exemptions, and how to make your own - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-exemptions-and-how-to-make-your-own)

We expect all students to be in full school uniform, including shoes, and to follow all our normal school rules including no jewellery and no use of mobile phones while on site. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Stay safe and God bless.

Yours sincerely,
Mr J Mangan
Headteacher.