



# HEATHLANDS

Nursery, Primary and Secondary Provision, Day & Residential  
BSL Training & Resource Centre



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all keeping well and it is heartening to see that there is a touch of spring on its way! It is lovely to see all the students either back in school or learning remotely after the half term break.

We have been testing all staff and upper school students with the Lateral Flow tests every week. These tests have been carried out in school. However, now we have been given home testing kits for all staff and upper school students.

This is good news because it will reduce the time missed from lessons on testing days and free up staff who are testing from 7.45am until 10.30am twice a week.

Staff will begin self testing at home from Monday, this means **from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 the school start time will be 8.45am every day** as it used to be. Please ensure your transport company is aware and collects your child on time on Monday.

Next week all upper school students will take home a home testing kit which they will need to do twice a week at home. We will have more information about this next week.

For lower school children - it is still a 1.10pm finish on Fridays until the end of this term on 26 March 2021.

From 8 March 2021 there will no longer be remote learning on offer and it is compulsory for all children to attend school. If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable and has received a shielding letter, please contact the school office.

We will have further information shortly with an updated risk assessment and clear information of the changes we will make going forward, but will continue to ensure the safety of students and staff remain a top priority.

Yours sincerely

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Co-Headteachers