



OLD BUCKENHAM
HIGH SCHOOL

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24th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the announcement from the Government on Monday we will be opening the school for all year groups assuming we can undertake a full testing programme before then. The government guidelines state that secondary aged students should have a lateral flow test prior to returning to lessons and a further two tests once in school and within five days of the first test. This will present us with quite considerable challenges however, we have a detailed plan which I would ask you to follow:

Year 11 and Year 10 tested on Wednesday 3rd March
Year 9 and Year 8 tested on Thursday 4th March
Year 7 tested on the morning of Friday 5th March.

Testing will be by appointment using our online booking system Schoolcloud via this link.

<https://oldbuckenhamhigh.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Parents/Carers will need to make their own transport arrangements as school transportation will not be available. Students who are unable to attend a testing appointment on the day specified may be offered a test on Monday 8th March. However, if we are unable to test enough students prior to the 8th we will need to make further arrangements which may result in a delayed return to school for some year groups.

I would strongly recommend that your son/daughter receives their test on the allocated day prior to March 8th. The following two tests will be undertaken during lesson time starting from March 8th. Due to the disruption this will cause, lessons will revert to non-live lessons set on Go 4 Schools from Wednesday 5th.

We have made this decision to test students early to ensure all students can come back to school as soon as possible under the guidelines as our first priority is to ensure all of our students are back with us. I look forward to your support with this and do please contact the school if you require further clarification.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Fell
Headteacher

