

5th March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family are safe and well. Further to the letter you received last week from our CEO, as we prepare to welcome back our pupils from Monday 8th March, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you and reiterate key messages about the return to school.

You can access a video outlining the measures we have in place to keep everyone as safe as possible, by using this link: <https://youtu.be/1AtI0PNscVU>

Please watch this video with your child so they know what to expect, there are some additional measures that your child needs to know and adhere to.

You can also find a link to our risk assessment on our website. Your child will be inducted back into school and we have an exciting activity planned for their first day back to help them settle back into school.

Face covering:

On their return to school pupils will be required to wear a face covering at all times indoors including in classrooms and will be told when they are able to remove these. Pupils should only remove their face covering when they are outside and able to socially distance from others.

I would like to remind you of the arrangement for the week beginning 8th March, you have already received this information in our previous letter.

Monday 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 11 attend school only to have a test – appointments will be issued by the school. <i>Before and after their test pupils should continue to access remote learning from home.</i>All other year groups continue remote learning all day.
Tuesday 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 11 return to normal lessons today and continue to now attend full time.Year 10 attend school only to have a test – appointments will be issued by the school. <i>Before and after their test pupils should continue to access remote learning from home.</i>Year 7, 8 and 9 continue remote learning all day.
Wednesday 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 10 return to normal lessons today and continue to now attend full time.Year 7 and 8 attend school only to have a test – appointments will be issued by the school. <i>Before and after their test pupils should continue to access remote learning from home.</i>Year 9 continue remote learning all day.
Thursday 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 7, 8 and 9 return to normal lessons today and continue to now attend full time.Year 9 attend school only to have a test – appointments will be issued by the school. <i>Before and after their test pupils should continue to access remote learning from home.</i>
Friday 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All pupils are now back in full time.

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You can access the specific timing of your child's test on the link below:

<http://www.george-eliot.warwickshire.sch.uk/covid-testing>

You will also receive a text message with the timing of your child's test as a reminder.

All pupils are expected to be in full uniform when they arrive for the testing appointment. We have high expectations of your child and we need your support in ensuring that your child arrives to school in the correct uniform to help a smooth return back to education.

Our uniform is an essential part of our school ethos and we work hard to ensure all of our pupils follow our strict policies on uniform and appearance, showing the pride that they have in belonging to The George Eliot School. As before, on the days your child has PE, they should attend school in their PE kit and remain in this for the day. Changing facilities will be closed.

Our school uniform supplier details was shared with you in our letter dated 12th February. (You can access all letters at: <http://www.george-eliot.warwickshire.sch.uk/letters-to-parents>)

The school day will continue as before Christmas with a staggered entry, start and finish times for pupils. The timing of the day information can be found at: <http://www.george-eliot.warwickshire.sch.uk/school-day>

Attendance to school is compulsory and normal attendance systems apply. In the event that your child is unable to attend school for any reason, you should contact us by 8.30 a.m. providing the following details: Pupil Name, Year and Tutor Group, Reason for absence, Parent Name and a contact number. Contact: Amy Fox, Attendance Officer, or send a message via MyEd.

To keep our schools open, we all need to do our parts. It is vital that your child plays their part in keeping themselves, their peers and our staff safe by:

- Washing their hands regularly for 20 seconds using soap and water and using hand sanitiser.
- Always wearing a face covering (unless exempt) in inside areas including classrooms and where social distancing is not possible.
- Socially distancing: staying at least 2 metres away from our staff and pupils who are not in their bubble.

As always I am grateful for all the support you give the school. Please contact us if you need support or have any queries.

I, alongside the rest of the staff eagerly await welcoming our wonderful pupils next week.

Yours sincerely



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