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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Update on Lateral Flow Testing after Day 1**

Today has been a great success at our Stour Valley testing centre. 91% of Year 11 (100 students) came into school today for a lateral flow test and students that couldn't make it today will go straight to the gym on Monday to have a test and wait for the result before going into lessons. I am pleased to report that every test returned a negative result. We are very much looking forward to having Year 11 back in school for lessons on Monday. The testing schedule is attached to this email for your reference.

All year groups will continue with remote learning until their return to school.

Many Year 11s admitted to not having watched the video link I sent out with my letter with the testing schedule on Tuesday. Here is the link again, and I would encourage parents, please, to watch it with their children before they come in for a test.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tdwxkue1UQ0&feature=youtu.be>

### **Welcoming back the whole school next week – it is a Week B**

I am pleased to say that there has been no major change to our proposed model for the whole school returning to full time education since the Autumn Term. The key changes are the requirement to wear masks in lessons and all indoor areas and to have three lateral flow tests in school before testing twice a week at home. I have attached an updated Parent and Student Information sheet which is an abridged version of our full risk assessment. If you wish to see our full risk assessment, please do contact the school to request a copy.

As in the Autumn Term, on days when students have PE or Dance lessons they should attend school in SVCS PE or Dance kit so as to avoid having to use the changing rooms at this time. Stour Valley PE kit includes branded blue SVCS PE tops and branded navy SVCS PE jumpers, plain navy or black shorts and/or jogging bottoms (small logo or stripes are allowed) with white sports socks or blue football socks. Other jumpers, hoodies and tracksuits are not allowed to be worn. In cold weather PE kit can be worn underneath normal school clothes which can be removed prior to PE lessons starting without having to visit the changing room areas.

In preparation for next week's school opening, Chambers have kindly asked for parents and students to be reassured of safe travel by viewing their website and watching their "Doing what we can to keep you safe" video - [www.chambersbus.co.uk/cleanersaferbuses](http://www.chambersbus.co.uk/cleanersaferbuses)

### **Technology Rotation from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

#### **Y7**

RM to Food  
Food to Textiles  
Textiles to RM

#### **Y8**

RM to Food  
Food to Graphics  
Graphics to RM

Thank you for your continued support and understanding in these ever-changing times. Staff really are all looking forward to a safe return to school and the restoration of a sense of 'normal', and I am sure that our students are too.

With kind regards

Rachel Kelly  
Headteacher

