

# Crompton House Church of England School

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25<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Since the guidelines for full school opening from March 8<sup>th</sup> were released earlier in the week, we have been working hard to generate plans to navigate the challenges of returning students to the classroom and helping our young people transition back to the routines of school and daily life after lockdown. In this letter, we set out our initial plans for re-opening from March 8<sup>th</sup>. It is quite a lengthy letter! Please take your time to read and absorb it. My purpose in writing to you in such detail now is to reassure you of our plans to offer a full curriculum to all students, while doing everything possible to keep children safe. For ease of reference this letter has a number of sub-headings:

1. School attendance
2. Covid testing
3. Uniform and standards
4. Face coverings and other covid safety measures
5. Additional support

## 1. School Attendance

The latest government guidance on school reopening states that schools can welcome pupils back on a phased basis during the week of 8<sup>th</sup> March to help manage a very challenging coronavirus testing programme. Crompton House will be adopting this approach with different year groups returning on the following dates:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Years 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March: Year 8

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March: Year 9

Please note that vulnerable and key worker children will continue to be supervised in school until the remainder of their year group returns to school.

School attendance on the dates shown above will be mandatory and our usual rules on attendance will apply. Please remember that the earliest that pupils can start school is 8am.

**Pupils should self-isolate and not come to school if they:**

- ⇒ Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- ⇒ Live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive
- ⇒ Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive
- ⇒ Further government guidance is linked [here](#). COVID tests can be booked online [here](#).

## 2. Coronavirus Testing

To help us keep everyone safe, we will be offering rapid coronavirus testing to all our pupils. Because of the significant number of pupils involved and the requirement to undertake 3 tests within 3 to 5 days of each other, totalling 4500 tests, we will be asking some year groups to attend school prior to the 8<sup>th</sup> of March for their first test:

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Year 7 (Work will be set on Doodle or Teams Assignments. There will be no live Teams lessons on this day for year 7.)

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Years 11 and 13 (Work will be set on Doodle or Teams Assignments. There will be no live Teams lessons on this day for Years 11 and 13.)

After the test, students will be expected to return home immediately.

If you are a parent of a student in years 7, 11, 12 or 13, we will be contacting you separately to give you a time that your son/daughter should attend school for their first test. Pupils in other year groups will receive their first test on the day that they start school. The testing schedule is shown on a diagram attached at the end of this letter.

Pupils will be asked to take 3 coronavirus tests at school, with 3 to 5 days between each test. Test results will take about 30 minutes to process. If at any point they test positive, they'll need to self-isolate in line with government guidance. Testing is voluntary, and we will only test those pupils whom we have previously received consent from their parents/carers. Most parents gave their consent electronically in December following a communication from school. If you did not give consent and would now like to do so, please contact [info@cromptonhouse.org](mailto:info@cromptonhouse.org) and we will send you the appropriate link.

If your child is **not** participating in testing, they should attend school as usual in line with our phased return arrangements from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

After the 3 initial tests at school, pupils will be offered coronavirus tests that they should take twice a week at home. We are only able to offer home testing to those students who have been previously tested in school. We will send details on how home testing will work at a later date.

### 3. Uniform & Standards

Normal uniform rules will apply when students return in March. Wearing uniform correctly is part of taking pride in our school and I would like to thank all parents who work with us to ensure that their sons and daughters do wear the correct uniform. Please refer to the information available on the school website for more details about uniform: [click here](#).

I would ask parents and carers of all students to make a special effort to make sure that their children are wearing the correct uniform. The last thing students need when they start in March after such a long period of lockdown, is to be challenged by staff over incorrect uniform. Please note that our policy on mobile phones remains unchanged. I believe that if standards are allowed to slip in a school, then behaviour and achievement will often also go into decline, so please be as supportive as possible with this request.

#### **Topform Stores**

All Topform stores are closed at the moment but are operating on a click and collect service, on Saturdays from 9am to 5pm. You can have the items delivered at a charge of £2.99.

To order uniform you need to search for Topform online and then select the store you want to order from, either Rochdale or Oldham.

Topform have confirmed there are no issues with stock levels.

**If you are unable to source any item of uniform before your son or daughter returns to school, please email the appropriate Head of Year or send a note into school.** In order to be as prepared as possible for the ongoing wintry weather, pupils should consider wearing black v neck jumper. Coats (not a hoody) can, of course, be worn outside during break and lunchtime but must be stored in a bag or a locker during lesson time.

### 4. Covid Safety Measures

Rest assured that we're doing everything we can to make sure our pupils can return to school safely. From the 8th March, we will be taking the following protective measures:

- We will ask that all pupils, except those who have applied for exemption cards, wear a face covering in classrooms, communal areas and corridors. This is in line with the latest government guidance for schools
- Pupils should not arrive at school before 8am. When they arrive, they should go straight to their form room.
- As much as possible the year group bubbles will be kept apart by utilising a strict one-way system in as many blocks as possible.

- As in the first term, we will continue to run the school on a 3 period day which will allow us keep year groups in separate bubbles during break and lunchtime.
- Pupils will be encouraged to wash their hands and use the hand sanitisers on a regular basis throughout the day.
- Equipment cannot be loaned or shared. It is therefore important that students have all the necessary school equipment before returning to school. Click [here](#) to see the full equipment list.
- Pupils will be reminded of the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' respiratory hygiene guidance.
- Only essential visits to school from parents, carers and other stakeholders will be allowed. With this in mind, please ensure that your children have all the equipment they need each day.

## 5. Additional Support

We understand some of the anxiety and feelings of uncertainty that some young people will have about returning to school, following such an extended period of time away. Lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us, and we'd like to thank you for your continuing support during this difficult and uncertain time. If you or your child have any concerns about returning to school, or if you think your child might need extra support when they return, please get in touch with your son or daughter's Head of Year or Assistant Head of Year.

Deputy Headteacher, Mr Dunkley has an overarching responsibility for students in Key Stage 3.  
 Head of Year 7: Ms Watts  
 Head of Year 8: Miss Clough  
 Head of Year 9: Miss Landells

Assistant Headteacher, Mr Rayner has an overarching responsibility for students in Key Stage 4.  
 Head of Year 10: Mr Ashworth  
 Head of Year 11: Mr Power

Head of VI Form: Mr Smith (Assistant Headteacher Key Stage 5)  
 Deputy Head of VI Form: Dr Whitworth  
 Assistant Head of VI Form: Dr Pannell

Specific Assistant Heads of Year are assigned to particular year groups:

Year 7: Mrs Lees  
 Year 8: Mrs Williams  
 Year 9: Mrs White  
 Year 10: Mrs Brown  
 Year 11: Mrs Parker  
 Pupil Premium Champion and Assistant Head of Year: Mrs Noden

Finally, I would like to thank all the pupils and staff for working so hard and with such commitment, especially since January. I would also like to thank you for all your support in helping your child learn from home. We will continue to keep in touch if we update our plans or if we need to make changes due to new government guidance. The information in this letter will also be explained to students during a special assembly, delivered through Teams, on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. You can also check for updates on the dedicated page on the school website [here](#).

Yours sincerely



Karl Newell  
 Headteacher

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## Wider Opening of Crompton House School March 2021

Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: green;">●</span> All staff to commence working in school. All staff to be tested.</li> </ul>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: red;">●</span> Year 7 &amp; 12 year groups to attend school at allotted time and receive first test only.</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">●</span> Work set on Doodle or Teams Assignments for year 7 &amp; 12 year groups. No live Teams</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">●</span> All other year groups will be taught via Teams as normal.</li> </ul>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: red;">●</span> Year 11 &amp; 13 year groups to attend school at allotted and receive first test only.</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">●</span> Work set on Doodle Teams Assignments for year 11 &amp; 13 year groups. No Live Teams</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">●</span> All other year groups will be taught via Teams as normal.</li> </ul>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: blue;">●</span> Year 7, 10, 11, 12 &amp; 13 year groups attend school as normal.</li> <li><span style="color: red;">●</span> Year 10 to attend school and will receive their first test and remain in school.</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">●</span> Year 8 and 9 to work from home and will be taught via Teams.</li> <li><span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Year 7, &amp; 12 receive their second test.</li> </ul>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: blue;">●</span> Year 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, &amp; 13 attend school as normal.</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">●</span> Year 9 to work from home and will be taught via Teams.</li> <li><span style="color: red;">●</span> Year 8 to receive first test.</li> <li><span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Year 11 &amp; 13 to receive second test.</li> </ul>
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: blue;">●</span> Year 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 &amp; 13 attend school as normal.</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">●</span> Year 9 to work from home and will be taught via Teams.</li> <li><span style="color: green;">●</span> Year 12 to receive their third test.</li> </ul>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: blue;">●</span> All Pupils attend school as normal.</li> <li><span style="color: red;">●</span> Year 9 to receive first test.</li> <li><span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Year 8 to receive second test.</li> <li><span style="color: green;">●</span> Year 11 to receive third test.</li> </ul>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: blue;">●</span> All Pupils attend school as normal.</li> <li><span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Year 10 receive to receive their second test.</li> <li><span style="color: green;">●</span> Year 7 &amp; 13 receive third test.</li> </ul>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: blue;">●</span> All Pupils attend school as normal.</li> <li><span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Year 9 to receive second test.</li> <li><span style="color: green;">●</span> Year 8 to receive their third test</li> </ul>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: blue;">●</span> All Pupils attend school as normal.</li> <li><span style="color: green;">●</span> Year 10 receive to receive third test.</li> </ul>
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: blue;">●</span> All Pupils attend school as normal.</li> <li><span style="color: green;">●</span> Year 9 to receive third test.</li> </ul>

**Following the third test pupils will be tested at home by parents**