



BHASVIC

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

We intend to return to face to face teaching onsite under our 2/3rds model (as per the Autumn Term) as early as we are able to from Monday 8th March. I am unable to provide a specific start date yet as we are working on the logistics of the requirements set out in the updated guidance yesterday that we provide all students (who consent) an onsite lateral flow test before they return to lessons, with a subsequent test 3-5 days later. Previous guidance had stated that students could be tested concurrently whilst teaching occurs and this is the scenario that we had planned for.

I am sure you will appreciate the complexity involved in trying to arrange a test (and then re-test) for 3,150 students and 320 staff. In the meantime, I am working with our membership organisations to try and alter some of the guidance to make this exercise more manageable.

We will update you when we have firm plans, and by the end of this week at the latest. Needless to say, we are really looking forward to getting students back to face to face learning and seeing them all on-site again.

Best wishes,

William Baldwin
Principal