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Dear Year 8 parents and carers

Year 8 COVID-19 testing arrangements and returning to school

I wrote to you earlier this week about our plans for getting all students back into school from Monday 8 March. We will start bringing all students in all year groups back into school in a staged way over several days.

This will start with the complex task of getting all students tested three times in the first couple of weeks.

Year 8 students will be tested on **Friday 12 March** and if you have given consent for your child to be tested they will need to be in school that day.

- Students in A Band will need to come in for 8.30 am
- Students in B Band will need to come in for 9.30 am
- Students in C Band will need to come in for 10.30 am

Students can find out their teaching band by looking at their classes on Satchel one. For example, 8A1 = Band A and 8B2 = Band B. Forms tutors will ensure that all students know their Band and start time in Form Tutor time next week. If you need assistance identifying your child's Band, please ring school and speak to Mrs McVey on Reception.

Once your child has been tested they will stay in school for the remainder of the day.

If you have **not given consent** they will continue with remote learning until returning to school on **Monday 15 March** when all of Year 8 need to be in school for 8.30 am.

However, I would strongly encourage you to give consent to ensure the safety of your child, your family and our whole school community in our collective fight against the transmission of the virus.

You can access the consent form here <https://www.lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk/parent-letters-information/> and return it to school via email.

Please remember to sign up for our 'Return To School Webinar' that will take place for Year 7 to 10 parents and students on **Thursday 4 March at 5.00 pm**. The link to register for the webinar is here https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bV_FN8luR3uwZyAdAHkONQ

If you need to discuss this with us, in the first instance please email Mrs Ruth Harrison at harrisonr@lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk and we will make sure someone gets back to you.

I hope you understand our need to make these minor changes for that week as part of our overall plan of getting all students back into school full-time.

Yours faithfully,

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Headteacher

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