



St Edward's School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last night the Government announced the return of all students to school from March 8th. Whilst we look forward to having everyone back at the earliest opportunity, I must ensure that the return to school is managed cautiously, at a time when COVID levels remain high, though falling; and in a period when vaccine roll-out has as yet only been made available to a targeted proportion of the population.

This initial letter is to ask for your cooperation and understanding in the period ahead; and also to ask you to consider whether you can offer us some of your time as a volunteer to assist with the initial testing of returning students from March 8th. We will need volunteers to help us, between the hours of 8.30am – 1.00pm. Any amount of time that you can give will be welcomed and training will be offered by experienced members of staff. Safeguarding measures will be in place at all times. Once we have complied with the Government's requirement, home testing kits will be made available to all of our families. The home testing arrangements will then rely on trust, so that together we can reduce the possibility of an outbreak in our school.

The task of testing will require a *phased return* of students to school from March 8th. Further details will follow in due course.

In the meantime, we are asking for *your* help – please can you consider whether you can be part of our testing team? We will be grateful for any help that you can give, and to volunteer, please just email us at heretohelp@st-edwards.poole.sch.uk.

Can I thank-you once more for the kindness and support that you have shown us as a school especially over the last year. Ahead is a time of new beginnings, and further growth, and we look forward to actually seeing you, soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Antram
Headteacher

