



5 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 8 Welcome Back

Year 8 tutors and I would like to welcome students back over the coming week ahead. It has been a difficult time for us all but we are now ensuring their smooth return to school. The school will continue to communicate with you all through the use of social media, so please continue to check these. If you have any concerns and questions then please email your child's tutor who will be happy to support.

We all look forward to seeing our Year 8 students very soon and they can continue to the great ambassadors for EPCS and its community.

Year 8 COVID Testing Timetable

Information for next week - Testing

- Testing will take place on **Tuesday** and **Friday** between the times detailed in the table below for each Tutor group.
- Students need to enter through the lower school playground (by the Sports Hall) as the testing is taking place in the Gym.
- There will be members of staff present to support your child with this and help with what is expected of them.
- They will need a face covering and hand sanitiser when they come to school (unless they are exempt).
- They must be in full school uniform.

Tutor Group	Tutor	Covid Test 1		Covid Test 2	
		Date	Time	Date	Time
8Y1 - 8D4	Mr S Powers	Tuesday 9 March	9.30 am – 10.30 am	Friday 12 March	9.30 am – 10.30 am
8Y2 - 8D5	Mr S Blay	Tuesday 9 March	9.30 am – 10.30 am	Friday 12 March	9.30 am – 10.30 am
8Y3 - 8D6	Miss K Johnstone	Tuesday 9 March	9.30 am – 10.30 am	Friday 12 March	9.30 am – 10.30 am
8X1 - 8D1	Mrs C Stevenson	Tuesday 9 March	10.30 am – 11.30 am	Friday 12 March	10.30 am - 11.30 am
8X2 - 8D2	Mr J Oates	Tuesday 9 March	10.30 am – 11.30 am	Friday 12 March	10.30 am - 11.30 am



8X3 - 8D3	Mrs F Bland	Tuesday 9 March	10.30 am – 11.30 am	Friday 12 March	10.30 am - 11.30 am
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Year 8 Lesson Timetable

- **Monday 8 March** - Students will complete online lessons.
- **Tuesday 9 March** - Students will complete online lessons or independent work when they are not being tested. They are only coming into school for the test.
- **Wednesday 10 March** - Students will complete online lessons but it will be in the form of a virtual trip. More details will be shared about this.
- **Thursday 11 March** - Students will be in school today for face to face lessons. The day will begin with roll call as normal.
- **Friday 12 March** - Students will complete online lessons or independent work when they are not being tested. They are only coming into school for the test.

Period	Monday 8 March	Tuesday 9 March	Wednesday 10 March	Thursday 11 March	Friday 12 March
Tutor	Online lessons tutor	Online lessons tutor	Online lessons tutor	Roll call Return to school	Online lessons tutor
1	Online lessons	Independent work or attending for testing	Virtual trip challenges Online	Lessons in school	Independent work or attending for testing
2	Online lessons	Independent work or attending for testing	Virtual trip challenges Online	Lessons in school	Independent work or attending for testing
3	Online lessons	Independent work or attending for testing	Virtual trip challenges Online	Lessons in school	Online lessons
4	Online lessons	Online lessons	Virtual trip challenges Online	Lessons in school	Online lessons

Uniform

We understand that some parents may struggle with providing students with the correct uniform until shops open on April 12. We want to work with parents to ensure that there is a successful transition back to school. We ask that if you are having any kind of difficulty then you work with us and communicate clearly any uniform issues with your child's tutor.

As a school we have high expectations of how students present themselves both in terms of their visual appearance and in how they communicate with students and staff. This is checked every morning by tutors during Roll Call. As it has been a while we wish to remind parents and carers of our uniform, jewellery and piercing expectations.

1. Students are expected to return to school in full school uniform. If there is an issue with any part of your child's uniform then we ask that you write a note/email informing their tutor.
2. Hoodies of any type are not permitted in school and will be confiscated by staff and returned at the end of the day.
3. School shoes are to be worn and trainers are not permitted.

Equipment

A student that is not equipped causes significant disruption to the learning environment and valuable learning time is lost. It also means they cannot be successful in their school day. We ask for your support with this to ensure that your child has a reading book and a fully stocked pencil case to fully engage with their learning. Stationery equipment can be purchased via your ParentPay account and we ask that you resolve any issues you identify in readiness for their return.

Mobile Phones

All students in Year 7-11 must hand in their mobile phone during roll call as they are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession. The phone should be silenced and notifications turned off. Students arriving late (after roll call) will be expected to hand their phone into Raising Standards for safekeeping.

Parents and students should be clear that the misuse of mobile phones will not be tolerated and failure to hand your phone in and keep it on your person will be treated seriously by the school as it is in clear breach of our rules.

Punctuality

Punctuality is a key characteristic and expectation of all our students as it clearly supports our vision of clear routine and expectations. It also supports students having a calm, orderly start to the day.

Masks

The latest government advice regarding face masks is as follows:

Where pupils and students in year 7 and above are educated, we recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff, pupils and students when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. Face coverings do not need to be worn by pupils and students when outdoors on the premises. In addition, we now also recommend that in those settings where pupils and students in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn in classrooms and during activities unless social distancing can be maintained.

Students who are exempt from wearing masks will be issued with an exemption card or can wear an exemption lanyard. Please ensure that the Head of Year is aware of the exemption.

We look forward to welcoming students back to our school community.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Puttick
Head of Year 8

