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Dear Parent or Carer,

Further to the government announcement notice on the opening of schools, I am writing to inform you of plans for all students to return to Brittons and the details of extra safety measures we are putting in place to reduce the risks of Coronavirus. Whilst we are delighted to have our students return, the process must be conducted in as safe a manner as possible.

One of the additional control measures being introduced is lateral flow testing of asymptomatic students, before they return to school and then a further two times in the two weeks after they return. This will significantly reduce the chances of a student infected with Coronavirus attending school and unknowingly spreading the virus to other students, staff and their families.

To ensure all students have been tested before they return, school will open full time on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March for Years 9, 10 and 11 students only, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 students only and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March for all year groups following the normal school timetable. Further details about the testing will follow next week. Next week all students should continue to log in to Teams and follow their normal timetable and Years 7 and 8 will also be educated via Teams on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and Year 7 on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

All students will be offered three tests by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Therefore, if you have not already done so, I would strongly urge you to return the consent form for testing your child sent earlier today, as every child returning without being tested, increases the chances of the virus spreading further.

To help to further reduce the risk of infection, we will be adding additional control measures to those in place in the current risk assessment. These will include; improved ventilation in classrooms, students wearing masks in classrooms as well as corridors and lateral flow testing of asymptomatic students and staff.

I will write again next week with further details on when to come in to school for the lateral flow test. We look forward to the safe return of students to school and thank you in advance your support in returning the consent form for lateral flow tests as soon as possible. I would like to also thank you again for your patience and support in this continually changing situation.

Take care.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr. W. Thompson**  
Principal

