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Dear Year 8 Students

We are thrilled that you will be returning to school in the week beginning 8 March. You have done brilliantly during this lockdown, but we are convinced that returning to face to face learning so that you can be with your teachers and your friends is absolutely the right thing for you now. We can't wait to see you!

We know that some of you are understandably feeling anxious about returning, for all sorts of reasons, and everyone at Rosebery is committed to helping you to deal with those concerns and to help every one of you feel safe, secure and happy in school.

### **The end of remote learning and a staggered start to coming back to school**

As you know, we can't have everyone back to school at the same time because the government want as many students as possible to be tested in school before you return. Therefore, if you and your parents/carers have agreed to you having a test, you will have this in school, and if it is negative you will return to lessons the next day.

### **Arrangements for your COVID-19 test**

We sent your specific time window for your tutor group to your parents/carers along with the date for your return to school dates to your parents/carers, but here it is for you:

Year 8 will be tested on Tuesday 9 March and will return to school for tutor time at 8.30 on Wednesday 10 March.

Year 8 - Form	Test date	Test time
8CX	9/3	11.10
8EX	9/3	11.25
8MX	9/3	11.40
8PX	9/3	11.55
8CY	9/3	12.10
8EY	9/3	12.25
8MY	9/3	12.40
8PY	9/3	12.55

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- If you can come to school on foot, or by bike, please do so.
- You must come to the Sports Hall for your test, only at the time you have been given, and you must practice social distancing whilst you wait for your test.
- You must wear a mask when you enter the Sports Hall.
- You will go home as soon as your test is done.
- You will only hear from us if your test is positive, in which case you will need to self-isolate for 10 days.

As you can imagine, implementing this mass testing programme is a big operation. Additionally, last week, we learned of the new arrangements for Year 11 and Year 13 following the cancellation of their exams.

### Remote learning arrangements until Tuesday 9 March

Therefore, we have made some differences to your remote learning over the next 7 school days to help us make sure everything runs smoothly for all students. The plan for remote learning over the next week is therefore:

Date	Remote learning expectations
<b>Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 March</b>	Live tutor time and live remote lessons as usual until P5 on Thursday when you will have only uploaded work as your teachers have Parents' Evening
<b>Friday 5 March</b>	No live remote lessons P1 and P2 Live remote lessons will begin P3
<b>Monday 8 March</b>	No live remote learning Day of Promises, which you will have already heard about from your form tutor – see details later in this letter
<b>Tuesday 9 March</b>	Live remote learning in P1, 2, and P5 Testing in school P3 and P4
<b>Wednesday 10 March</b>	Year 8 are back in school for tutor time and lessons from 8.30

### Coming back to school

When you return to school our priority is your safety and the safety of all the staff who work at Rosebery. Therefore, we ask you to:

- Always follow the one-way system.
- Stay in your Home Base at break and lunchtime and head there if you get to school very early or need to wait for anyone at the end of the day.
- Wear your lanyard.
- Wear your mask whenever you are indoors, including in lessons.
- Avoid mixing with students from other year groups.
- Wear your Rosebery uniform (or your PE kit on days when you have PE) and ensure you have removed your jewellery and returned your hair colour to a natural shade, if you have dyed it during lockdown.
- Be kind - your friends and teachers may well be feeling anxious about being back and we must all respect and please look out for each other over the next few weeks as we all get used to being back in school.

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## Home Base Change

Year 8's Home Base has now changed so you will now be based in the pool area beside Geography at break and lunchtime.

We are incredibly proud of how you have coped with the last 10 weeks away from school. You have shown great determination, resilience and compassion for others. The next few weeks will be a new challenge, but we know you will rise to it and we are here to help you. We look forward to seeing you next week!

Yours sincerely



David Lach  
Head of School



Ros Allen  
Executive Headteacher

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Dear Year 8 Students

The Year 8 team are really excited to see you all back at school; we've missed seeing your enthusiasm and passion for learning face to face and know that you're going to enjoy seeing all your friends and teachers again.

On Monday you will spend the day making promises and we know that you will relish this opportunity to pause and reflect on your role within our community. This is a fantastic opportunity to remind yourself of the difference you can make for yourself and for others. Noticing that we can take action to increase happiness within and around us is a powerful thing and we cannot wait to hear what you come up with.

We are also excited to start the process of choosing your GCSE options; there is a lot of information to share and we will be looking at this in tutor times.

We've got an exciting programme of PSHCE activities to explore careers, employment skills and GCSE options. The Year 8 pastoral team will give you all the support you need to make the right choices.

See you very soon.

Miss Hatfield  
Head of Year 8

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