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

Year 9 - Form	Test date	Test time
9CX	9/3	1.50
9EX	9/3	2.05
9MX	9/3	2.20
9PX	9/3	2.35
9CY	9/3	2.50
9EY	9/3	3.05
9MY	9/3	3.20
9PY	9/3	3.35

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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 few 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
Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 March	Live tutor time and live remote lessons as usual until p5 on Thursday when you will have only uploaded work as your teachers have a Parents' Evening
Friday 5 March	No live remote lessons P1 and P2 Live remote lessons will begin P3
Monday 8 March	No live remote learning Day of Promises, which you will have already heard about from your form tutor – see details later in this letter
Tuesday 9 March	Live remote learning in P1, 2, 3 and P4 Testing in school P5
Wednesday 10 March	Year 9 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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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

Dear Year 9 Students

The Year 9 Team are so excited to see you all next week. I outlined in our assembly this morning our expectations from you all and information regarding systems that are in place to protect and keep us all safe. The school buildings are very empty without you all and we genuinely cannot wait for some 'normality' to resume again. On Monday, you will be spending the day focussing on your 'Promises'. As a community, Rosebery School is filled with such huge promise. It is our believe that you offer hope for a kind and bright future. But a promise is also a declaration that something will be done. In amongst all the difficulties, the change, the actions, the happiness and the anxiety that we will inevitably face over the coming weeks, we feel that there is a great opportunity to take a moment to remind ourselves of the communities we are part of and for us all to take a breath and do something for good. Whether the actions we take are for the good of ourselves, our families, or for our wider community does not matter. Noticing that we can take action to increase happiness within and around us is a powerful thing.

Monday 8 March will not just be the day we start our return to Rosebery once again, but also, a 'Day of Promises'.

With this in mind, we want you, our students, to commit to making some promises that you will be able to complete on this day. Promises to yourselves, to your family or those around you. Promises to act in a way that will increase the lights that shine in the world, promote compassion and kindness. Small acts that do not take very long, need much equipment or bandwidth. So that when you physically return to Rosebery you have been refreshed and reminded of your own strength and tenacity. Above all else we want you to remember that you are our community and Rosebery school is here for you, we promise. More information will be shared with you tomorrow during tutor time.

For now, please remember how amazing you are. Continue to check in on loved ones and friends. Above all else, remember to be the **best you can be**.

See you all very soon.

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Head of Year 9

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