



# BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We are very excited to be welcoming everybody back to school on Monday! The school has had a bit of a new term feeling today as everyone is busy preparing for all children to be back with us. I hope they (and you!) are as excited as we are.

You may be aware that NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children, without symptoms, can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

These tests can be accessed:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

Please see the link for further information:

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?fbclid=IwAR2TAImr\\_b3Oi6WhIMTVLOpAycqfKa9QH0TF6jUbZWB4wehvmConY0OBRQU](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?fbclid=IwAR2TAImr_b3Oi6WhIMTVLOpAycqfKa9QH0TF6jUbZWB4wehvmConY0OBRQU)

I am attaching again our reopening guide for parents which hopefully clarifies the arrangements that will be in place again from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. You will see that everything is very similar to the autumn terms. Please note that due to the ongoing restrictions with social distancing we will continue to use the main school drive only as a route into school. Can I remind parents to adhere to social distancing on the school site and to wear a face covering please. Please ask if there is anything which is unclear.

I again want to highlight the fact that our Breakfast Club and After School Club will be open from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. I am sure you will appreciate that we have lost a significant amount of income during the lockdowns from our extended schools provision which has had a direct impact on our school budget. As more workplaces begin to open we are really hoping that more children begin attending again. If numbers continue to be low we will need to review this facility. Please can I therefore encourage any parents who may need this provision, either now or in the future, to use it so that we are able to keep it running. Thank you.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support and understanding. We all know how difficult the last year has been for everybody. I really hope that over the coming months we begin to get back to normality and that we can do all of the usual events that we would do in school. Please reassure your children that they will be back with their usual teachers on Monday and in their usual classrooms. Our priority next week will be to ensure all of the children feel safe and happy coming back to school. We will support them with activities to promote their positive mental health and will help them to learn to be with each other once again. We can't wait!

Have a lovely weekend,  
Claire

