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Dorin Park School and Specialist SEN College

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## Attendance (from 8.3.21) / Asymptomatic Testing Process / Face Coverings

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I'm sure you are all aware, our Prime Minister has set out the *road map* for coming out of the current lockdown. A major part of this is the expectation that all pupils will return to school from 8th March (unless they are shielding). You may have mixed feelings about this, but you need to be aware that from this date, attendance at school becomes compulsory once again.

We currently have around 75% of our pupils attending school, and we will be talking to all families who are currently learning remotely to discuss next steps and support for their child in returning to school over the coming weeks.

The other major change will be to the asymptomatic testing process. Shortly after 8th March, secondary-age pupils and all staff will be undertaking home tests, rather than in the school testing centre. Primary pupils are not currently expected to be tested unless they develop symptoms. We will send you more information about this over the next two weeks.

The new guidance also encourages secondary-age pupils to wear face coverings inside whenever they cannot socially distance from adults or other peers. Our pupils are exempt from wearing face coverings, but if pupils would like to wear face coverings, then they are welcome too. If your child chooses to wear a face covering, please ensure they have clean spares so that they can change them as needed.

Kind regards,

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