



# Serenity School

Serenity School Croydon  
88-90 South End, Croydon, CR0 1DQ

26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear parents, carers, and stakeholders

I am writing this letter to update you all following the government announcement made on February 22nd. Guidance referred to in this letter is taken from the government document: ***Additional operational guidance for special schools, special post-16 institutions and alternative provisions- February 2021***

From March 8th all pupils are to return to onsite learning.

The only instance in which pupils are to remain at home are:

- if they have symptoms or test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- has had close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

In these instances, pupils are to self-isolate for 10 days, during this time the school will provide home learning packs.

If your child has received a letter from the NHS in which they have been identified as clinically extremely vulnerable (CEM) they are to remain home for the period outlined in the letter- The school will require a copy of the letter as confirmation.

Pupils living with a family member classed as clinically extremely vulnerable (CEM) must return to school. In the event your child is not CEM or self-isolating and you do not send them into school, this will trigger EWO action.

The school will continue to carry out asymptomatic testing of staff and pupils weekly. However there has been an update on how this will be conducted. The week beginning March 8th pupils will participate in testing three times onsite, staff will test twice. Following this the school will provide staff and pupils with home testing kits and guidance on how to use them.



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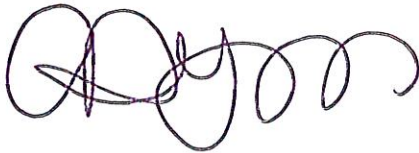


Participating in testing is voluntary but strongly encouraged, as up to one-third of people who have coronavirus are asymptomatic. By rapidly identifying and containing any asymptomatic cases, we can reduce the spread of transmission.

On return to school from March 8th all secondary aged pupils must wear masks in class, and when moving across the building. In the event that you do not have access to additional masks please let the school know and these can be provided.

Please contact the school if you have any further questions and we look forward to seeing all of our pupils again from March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Yours sincerely



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