



Woolwich Polytechnic  
**School for Boys**  
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Dear parents/carers,

**Re-Opening from March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021: Information for Year 13 Parents/Carers**



**Please read the following information carefully and make a note of the dates and times that are specific to your son's/daughter's reintegration into school life.**

First of all, we hope that your families are well and thank you for your continued co-operation during the latest lockdown.

As you will be aware from government announcements, we will start to reopen to our students from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.



We have been working hard over the last week to plan for the safest re-opening so please find below links to our:

- Updated risk assessment and summary (towards the end of the policy list): [Policies & Procedures | Woolwich Polytechnic School for Boys](#)
- A summary of the first two weeks back, starting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March (if a year group below is not onsite for testing or for wellbeing, then they will be at home, continuing with the virtual school):

Week B										
	08/03/2021		09/03/2021		10/03/2021		11/03/2021		12/03/2021	
	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
8.30-10.30am	Year 13 testing		Year 10 testing		Years 11, 12 & 13 Wellbeing Days	Year 9 testing	Years 7, 10, 11, 12 & 13 Wellbeing Days	Year 13 testing	Years 7 & 10 Wellbeing Days	Year 10 testing
10.30am-12.30pm	Year 12 testing							Year 12 testing		
12.30-2.30/3.00pm	Year 11 testing		Year 7 testing			Year 8 testing		Year 11 testing		Year 7 testing
Week A										
	15/03/2021		16/03/2021		17/03/2021		18/03/2021		19/03/2021	
	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
8.30-10.30am	Years 8 & 9 Wellbeing Days	Year 9 testing	Years 8 & 9 Wellbeing Days	Year 13 testing	All students return to school full time from this day onwards	Year 10 testing	All students at school	Year 9 testing	All students at school	Onsite lateral flow testing ceases
10.30am-12.30pm				Year 12 testing				Year 8 testing		
12.30-2.30/3.00pm		Year 8 testing		Year 11 testing				Year 7 testing		

**Please note that it will now be necessary for students to wear facemasks in all enclosed spaces, including classrooms, corridors and the canteen/sports hall when not eating unless they are exempt.**

**Therefore, please provide your son/daughter with at least two clean facemasks each day.**

To maximise safety and wellbeing for our whole community, it will take 7 working days to prepare all year groups for full school attendance, involving:

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- Lateral flow testing (LFT) of consenting students and staff three times on the school site before provision is made for home testing for both students and staff. This is so that students have full training on how to process LFTs so that they can confidently self-administer these tests when at home. Please find a link below to a video tutorial on processing LFTs:  
[How to take a Lateral Flow test - YouTube](#)
- Further Covid-19 safety guidance for staff and students;
- Two days of wellbeing activities to reintegrate students into school life (more information on this will follow from your son's/daughter's head of year). On these days, please ensure your son/daughter comes in casual wear appropriate for physical activity.

**If you have yet to provide or deny consent for your child to conduct an LFT, then you will be contacted via Weduc or the phone soon.**

That means that we will be inviting our year 8 boys on the following dates and times:

- **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March from 12.30pm at the latest:** students will arrive through the front gate and make their way directly to their tutor rooms where they will receive instruction on how to process lateral flow tests (LFT). LFTs will then be supervised for those students with parental consent. After individual students have been tested, they will leave the school site to make their way home from about 1.15pm onwards. If any student should test positive, then you will be contacted to inform you of measures to take. Please ensure that your son wears uniform for this day and has his lanyard to sign in for testing easily.
- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March by 8.30am:** students will arrive through the front gate and make their way directly to their tutor rooms where their tutors will lead them in Covid-19 safety guidance and wellbeing activities. Students will have a break at 10.30am and a lunch at 12.30pm, finishing the day by 2.30pm, leaving the site through the front gate. On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, LFTs will then be supervised for a second time onsite for those students with parental consent. Students should wear PE kit for these days.
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30am:** from this date, the normal school days with teaching of the full curriculum will start with students arriving by 8.30am and finishing the day by 2.30pm. However, on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March, LFTs will then be supervised for a final time onsite for those students with parental consent. Students should wear their full uniform from this day onwards.
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March by 1.00pm:** students will finish school by 1.00pm this day to enable intervention for examination year groups: those students involved in this will be contacted separately.

Please also note the following later dates, some of which include changes to our published calendar:

- On **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**, we will have a tutor-focused remote Academic Review Day for years 7-13 (in a change from the previously subject-focused ARD that will now be in summer term and this will also replace the Year 11, 12 and 13 parents' evening that would have been on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March). School will be closed to all students unless they have been invited in. Tutors will shortly be arranging appointment times with you.
- **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** is a bank holiday so the school will be closed to all students.

Should you have any questions about this information then, in the first instance, please email your son's/daughter's tutor or head of year who will be happy to clarify.

Lastly, as we monitor the situation with staffing, we must draw your attention to the possibility that we may have to ask year groups to remain at home from time to time. We will, of course, give as much notice as possible and continue to provide online lessons should that be the case.

Thank you again for your support and we look forward to welcoming your son/daughter back to school soon.

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