



THE BILLERICAY SCHOOL

A MATHS & COMPUTING COLLEGE

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Years 10 to 13 back into school on Monday 8 March 2021 and Years 7 to 9 from Monday 15 March 2021.

Travel Arrangements

We have now received confirmation that NIBS Bus service will be operating as normal from Monday 8 March.

The DfE has provided the following message on how pupils can travel to and from school safely:

- if you live a short distance from your school or college, you should walk or cycle to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so
- avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble
- if you are using public transport to get to school or college, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey
- when travelling by public or dedicated school transport, don't forget to:
 - wear a face covering (unless you are exempt). It is important you wear them for the entirety of your journey, including inside a bus or train station
 - social distance where possible
 - wash or sanitise your hands regularly
 - be considerate to fellow passengers and staff

School Uniform Shop

Our on-site uniform shop will return to usual opening hours from Monday 8 March. However, purchases must be made by students **only**, so cash is recommended where possible. We cannot facilitate parent/carers visitors on site at this time (please see below).

Access to the School Site for Parents/Carers

In my previous communications, I wrote to explain the initial arrangements that were being put in place to manage parental interaction with the school in a safe and secure way. Those arrangements have proved successful and will now continue until further notice.



Headteacher Mr Ahson Mohammed, B.Ed. (Hons)

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Parental communication must continue to be by telephone or email only. Please do **not** drive onto the school site or enter via the pedestrian gate even if the gates are open when you arrive. We are unable to facilitate any parental meetings and are unable to accept any student belongings (including PE kits and lunches). To avoid disappointment, please do not arrive at school as you will be refused entry unless you have a pre-agreed arrangement with a member of staff. If you need to discuss anything urgently, including medical provisions for a student, please contact the main school office via telephone on 01277 655191.

Consent to Testing

If you are yet to return your Covid Registration and Consent form, we kindly ask you to do so as a matter of urgency. Details can be found on our website at: <https://www.billericayschool.com/coronavirus-update/information-on-testing/>. Please be aware that both pages of the document must be completed in full and that a typed name within the signature box will be accepted as an electronic signature. If you have indicated a positive test result date which is less than 90 days from the planned testing date/s in school, your child will not be tested.

Notification of Test Results

I would also like to clarify that where any student returns a positive result from the in-school LFD test result, parents will receive notification from the school as soon as possible. There may, however, be a considerable delay in the processing of the test registration on the NHS website to confirm negative test results. May I also remind parents that where students are aged 16 or over, the negative notification will be sent directly to the student.

We look forward to returning to school on Monday and I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.M.' followed by a long horizontal stroke and a curved flourish at the end.

Mr A Mohammed, B.Ed.(Hons)
Headteacher