



25th February 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

I'm sure you have heard the good news this week that students will return to face to face teaching in schools from Monday 8th March. We are looking forward to all students returning and focusing on their studies.

You will have also seen the Government announcement that students will need to have 3 Coronavirus tests in school over the first 2 weeks of their return and that students should only return to lessons following a negative test. A positive test will result in the student needing to self-isolate for 10 days. After these first 3 tests, students will be able to complete tests at home for the foreseeable future, and we will provide the testing kits for this.

In order that our key year groups of 11, 12 and 13 can return to teaching immediately on Monday 8th March, **all students from these year groups will need come into school for a short time (maximum 90 minutes) on Friday 5th March in order to have their first test.**

I would therefore request the following:

All Year 11 students to attend school at 9:30am on Friday 5th March for 90 minutes. Uniform is not required.

Students should bring in a mobile phone or Chromebook in order to register for the test.

School transport will run as normal and will collect students at the same time as before Christmas. Vulnerable students and children of critical workers will continue to access the Academy as normal.

Once students have been tested, they can return home on the same Academy transport, by walking or parents can pick them up, but they must return straight home in accordance with lockdown rules.

Students will need to maintain social distancing during their time in school, and staff will supervise this in designated waiting areas.

It is also a requirement that students wear face masks at all times when inside the school buildings.

Prior to the start of lockdown, I sent out letters and electronic consent forms for all parents to complete for their children to allow them to have these tests. If you did not complete this, then a link to the form is on the front page of our website. If you do not have access to technology that will allow you to complete this form online, then please contact the Academy on 01388 603388 to provide verbal permission for your child to be tested.

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I would urge all parents and students to take part in this testing which will enable us to track the spread of the virus whilst maintaining student and staff safety as we return to school at this vital time.

Your faithfully

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