



8th March, 2021 – Academy reopening

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

As an interim and follow-up to my communication on Monday, I am writing to give you an update on our provisional planning and outline a few brief points. Final detailed plans will be confirmed to you by Tuesday 2nd March at the latest.

Students returning from 8th March, 2021

I can confirm that we will be adopting a phased return of students each day for different year groups.

This decision is due to the safe operational logistics required from the Academy, to perform COVID testing for students and staff, as set out from Government guidance.

As previously mentioned, the timetable of return for specific year groups will be confirmed early next week.

COVID testing for students

Parents and Carers have received two text links for consent being granted, in order for their children to access school based COVID testing - these must be completed for the Academy to carry out testing. Please see below a link for additional access:

[Covid Testing - student consent](#)

In order to support our planning for students on site, and who will be participating in the testing, please can I ask that those who are giving consent complete this by 9.00 a.m. on Monday 1st March, 2021.

Remote Learning during week commencing 8th March, 2021

During that week, and whilst students are waiting for their return day, students will be accessing assignment-based lessons and learning. These will continue to be set on Microsoft Teams and tracked on Show My Homework.

As you will understand, the reason for this provision is that teachers will be teaching physical lessons in the building or supporting with testing as we move through the week.

As students return on their designated day, they will not be expected to complete online learning – they will move to their physical lessons in the building.

Operational Pods and Covid Protocols

Our Faculty 'Year Pods' will remain in place, as which has been in operation since September 2020, our booklet on the Academy's website can remind you of these protocols.

You may have been alerted to potential additions or changes to the guidance around face coverings. The Academy's approach will be outlined in our communication next week. Although currently under Government review, it is possible that there will be further requirements inside the Academy building. However, we will also be implementing additional outdoor opportunities for students to have relief from face coverings.

Please stay alert to the finer details to be shared next week, which will guide you through the support and safe opening for our community.

We are extremely excited to have students back on the Academy site and look forward to their return.

Yours sincerely

Mr S. Underwood
Associate Principal