



8th March, 2021 – Academy reopening

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

As a follow-up to our communication on Monday, we are writing to give you an update on our planning and outline a few brief points.

Students returning from 8th March, 2021

I can confirm that we will be adopting a phased return of students within the Unit each day for different base 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.

Please see below the timetable of when specific groups will return. Your child's base teacher will confirm this with you during your wellbeing call next week.

Day/date	Base Groups
Monday 8 th March, 2021	4B – Mrs Simmonds / Ms Hingley 4C – Mr White
Tuesday 9 th March, 2021	5B – Miss Clark 3A – Miss Judge
Wednesday 10 th March, 2021	3C – Mrs Brown 3B – Mrs Loake 3Y – Miss Palombi

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 click on the link below to complete the consent form. The link will also be sent to you via text.

Click on the link here: [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 challenges and activities linked to their EHCP targets. This will continue to be tracked by your child's teacher.

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 activities – they will move to their physical lessons in the building.

If your child is shielding your child's base teacher will liaise with you regarding home learning from 8th March, 2021.



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Covid Protocols

Our Unit base groups bubbles will remain in place, as they been since September 2020.

You may have been alerted to potential additions or changes to the guidance around face coverings. The Academy's approach will be outlined in further 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 be assured that if your child is exempt from wearing a face covering they will not be requested to wear one.

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

Yours sincerely

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