

23rd February 2021

Dear parent/carer,

I hope this letter reaches you and your families in strong health - body, mind and spirit. Following the Prime Minister's announcement on 22nd February about schools and the decision to have all year groups back in full-time education on Monday 8th March. You can read the government's plan [here](#).

We cannot wait to welcome back all our pupils but I appreciate that some of you may be anxious about this and I want to assure you that, as ever, the safety and wellbeing of your children and our staff remains our priority.

For secondary schools specifically, the government's plan includes:

- All students and staff wearing **face coverings inside, including classrooms**, where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- All students who have provided consent **taking three COVID-19 tests as they return to school** from 8th March at existing school testing facilities. After the initial programme of three tests in school, students will be provided with two rapid tests to use each week at home.
- Staff will also be provided with **two tests to use each week** at home and **tested before students come back to the academy**.

We will now start planning for a safe return to school for our students and staff, and I will share more information with you as soon as these are finalised. To ensure that we manage a safe and effective return to the academy from the 8th March onwards we will be using the following days:

- Thursday 4th March teachers **will post learning on MS Teams** for students to complete independently. Therefore, there will be no live learning on this day.
- Friday 5th March will be an **Inset Day** (originally planned for the 22nd February that was postponed).

If your child is in an exam year group, we expect the government to announce further details later this week and will provide you with an update once this information has been published.

In the meantime, please do continue to support your child with remote learning or attending our community classrooms. If you have any questions, please do get in touch with us.

Yours sincerely



Morgan Haines
Principal