



Joseph Leckie
Academy

2nd March 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

RE: Phased return to school from 8th March

As you are aware from my letter last week and the national announcements, we are phasing the return of students in line with Government advice. Rapid testing is one of the strategies to help keep everyone safe and Public Health England and the Department for Education are asking all schools and parents to support in these measures. Whilst testing is voluntary, **the Government strongly encourages everyone to participate in this programme to help break the transmission.**

Testing will commence by year group as stated below and if you have consented then your child will return on the date stated on the reverse for testing. This is a phased return to enable us to test safely and students will return for some face-to-face education following their first negative test result. Those who have consented to testing will come into schools on the dates stated in this letter and remain in school in lessons for that day and then return on **Test 2** day for face-to-face teaching. If, however they test positive, we will notify parents and they will be sent home and you will need to contact the NHS for a PCR test.

Once we have had all parental consents in, specific times for students to return will be sent via email to students, these times will also be available on the website. Please do complete the consent form as soon as possible. If for any reason you cannot access the online consent form and need to use the form provided, please do try and get this to us by the end of the week (Friday 5th March) so we can pre-register your child where possible. If not possible there will be a different time slot for students who need to register on the day.

Test 1 appointment times for their first test will be based on tutor groups on the stated day see the reverse of this letter. **It is important your child attends at the correct time (sent by email to them later this week).** For the first test, students should arrive at **the Academy Reception** and line up outside and maintain social distancing and then they will be registered and issued with their bar code and then complete the test. Once they have been tested, they will go to class and remain in school for the remainder of the day. **They will then return to school on the day of Test 2.**

Test 2 (see specific year group days on reverse) students who are having their second test will arrive through their usual entrances at the normal Academy start time (8.30am to 8.40am) and go to their tutor group and they will be released from class at a stated time for their second test.

Vulnerable students and Key worker students will continue to attend as they have been doing throughout Lockdown. Those that have consented to testing, will from Monday, come in through their usual year group entrance and go to forms and lessons as per their normal Academy timetable. Those that have not consented to testing, will be in Room 11. Parents/carers of these students will be informed of these arrangements.

All students will resume full teaching in line with our phased return arrangements **on 15th March.**

All students who are at home whilst waiting to be tested or those not testing will receive on-line learning. This will consist of activities sent via emails from their teachers, but during this time this will not necessarily be live Teams lessons. However, students should be available at normal timetable times to work through the work that has been set by staff.

After the initial programme of three tests in school, students will be provided with two rapid tests to use each week at home. Having done these in school first, they should then be able to complete these at home. Instructions will be given once your child has had the three tests.

	Morning	Afternoon	Remote Learning at home
Monday 8th March	Test 1 8.35am - 11.30am Year 11 for students who are being tested only. Appointment Times will be sent. They will then go to lessons for this day. They will return on Thursday for test 2.	Test 1 11.45am - 2.50pm Year 13 and Year 12 for students being tested only. Appointment Times will be sent. They will then go to lessons or home if they have free lessons. They will return on Thursday for test 2.	Years 7-10 remote learning. Year 12/13 to work remotely until appointment times. Students who are not consenting remain at home until Monday 15 th for phased return.
Tuesday 9th March	Test 1 8.35am - 11.30am Year 7 for students who are being tested only. Appointment Times will be sent. They will then go to lessons for the rest of the day. They will return for test 2 on Friday.	Test 1 11.45am - 2.50pm Year 10 for students who are being tested only. Appointment Times will be sent. They will then go to lessons.	Years 8, 9, 11, 12/13 remote learning. Year 10 remote learning until appointment times.
Wednesday 10th March	Test 1 8.35am - 11.30am Year 8 for students who are being tested only. Appointment Times will be sent. They will then go to lessons for the rest of the day. They will return for Test 2 on Monday 15 th .	Test 1 11.45am - 2.50pm Year 9 for students who are being tested only. Appointment Times will be sent. They will then go to lessons for the rest of the day. They will return for test 2 on Monday 15 th .	Years 7, 10, 11, 12/13 remote learning. Year 9 remote learning until appointment times.
Thursday 11th March	Test 2 for Year 11 (test students only) Arrive at usual entrance and go to form. Test will be done via lesson groups.	Test 2 for Year 12/13 (test students only) Arrive at usual entrance in morning and go to form. Test will be done via lesson groups.	Y7, 8, 9, 10 Remote learning. Y11/12/13 Students who have not been tested at home until phased return ends 15 th March.
Friday 12th March	Test 2 for Year 7 (test students only) Arrive at usual entrance and go to form by 8.40am. Test will be done via lesson groups Year 11, 12 and 13 who have had 2 negative test results will be in school on Friday.	Test 2 for Year 10 (test students only) Arrive at usual entrance and go to form by 8.40am. Test will be done via lesson groups	Y 8, 9 Remote Learning. Y7, 10, 11, 12 and 13 students who have not been tested remain at home until phased return ends 15 th March.
Monday 15th March	All students return after phased return. 8.35am - 10.00pm in forms for re-launch of Protocols and	10.00am - 2.50pm Test 2 for Years 8 and 9.	Face to Face learning for All years resumes.
Tuesday 16th to Friday 19th	Test 3 for Year groups – days/times will be given by tutors in the morning. Students will come out of lessons.		

Students are now expected to wear face coverings in all communal areas of the school including classrooms. This is until Easter in the first instance **and is an extra safety measure which is now expected by Public Health England and the Government for everyone's protection.** We ask for your support in this, students may remove masks at break and lunchtime when they are outside if they feel the need they need to, but only when they can maintain a safe distance from their peers.

Please note that if you have your child has had a positive test, regardless if they have been on site or not, you must still notify the Academy via postbox@josephleckieacademy.co.uk



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