

26/02/2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to be able to welcome students back into the Academy the week commencing Monday 8th March 2021. Students, staff and parents have worked incredibly hard over the past term and I am in awe of the dedication shown by all. Now, more than ever, it is critical that we all continue to support one another if we are to provide the best education and subsequent life chances for all young people in The Boulevard community.

The Government have released guidance for schools to ensure the safety of all and we will be implementing every possible measure we can to protect our students. In classrooms where students and staff are able to physically maintain 2 metre social distancing, masks will not be required. However, for the majority of students (unless medically exempt) it will be necessary for a mask to be worn at all times. We appreciate that many students will find this difficult. The Education Secretary clearly stated that 'extending the use of face coverings to classrooms is a temporary measure until Easter, and that the government will keep it under review'. Therefore we must be rigorous with this rule- where students do not comply, parents will be contacted and may, in some cases, be asked to collect their child in order for them to continue their education from home.

The Government have also introduced in-school testing for students and staff. If you have returned consent forms to the Academy, your child will be invited in for the start of their time slot (this will not necessarily be the full day) to administer the test. The dates for this are listed below.

If the results of the test are negative, students will remain in school. If the results are positive, we will make contact home and your child will need to be collected or make their own way home.

Students will be guided through the testing process three times by trained staff so that students will be able to self-administer tests at home in the future. Testing at home will ensure better protection for families and the wider community. If you have not yet returned an online consent form, please arrange for one to be collected from the office.

Please be aware that on the 8th March 2021 there will be no live learning for Y10 & Y11 as some students will be in school being tested. On the 9th March 2021 there will be no live learning for Y8 & Y9 as some students will be in school being tested. On the 10th March 2021 there will be no live learning for Y7 students as some students will be in school being tested. However, work will still be provided on Google classroom for all students to complete.

All students are expected to return week commencing Monday 8th March 2021.

Please see the start dates for each year group:

Year 7- Thursday 11th March (Arrive between 9.05 -9.15, leave at 3pm)

Year 8- Wednesday 10th March (Arrive between 9.20-9.30, leave at 3.05pm)

Year 9 – Wednesday 10th March (Arrive between 8.50-9.00, leave at 3.10pm)

Year 10- Tuesday 9th March (Arrive between 8.35 -8.55, leave at 2.30pm)

Year 11- Tuesday 9th March (Arrive between 8.10 -8.20, leave at 4pm)

Students are to use the entrance and exits they were using before Christmas.

Students being tested will be sent their time slot via MyEd at least 24 hours in advance of their appointment:

Testing Week 1:

	8:30 – 10:30	11 - 1	1:45 – 3:45
Monday 8th	Year 11	Years 11 / 10	Year 10
Tuesday 9th	Year 9	Years 9/8	Year 8
Wednesday 10th	Year 7	Year 7	
Thursday 11th	Year 11	Years 11/10	Year 10
Friday 12th	Year 9	Years 9/8	Year 8

Those being tested join their lessons once test results confirmed as negative.

Testing Week 2:

	8:30 – 10:30	11 - 1	1:45 – 3:45
Monday 15th	Year 7	Year 7	
Tuesday 16th	Year 11	Years 11/10	Year 10
Wednesday 17th	Year 9	Years 9/8	Year 8
Thursday 18th	Year 7	Year 7	
Friday 19th			

It is a legal requirement for your child to return to the Academy to attend their lessons. Blended learning will be provided for self-isolating students via Google Classroom.

I would like to thank you once again for the exceptional commitment shown during the past weeks and I want to reassure you that we are taking every safety measure and precaution we can to keep students, staff and their families safe throughout this pandemic.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs J Mitchell
CEO/Principal