



2nd March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

As promised, following the provisional plans set out on the 26th February 2021, please see finalised plans for return. We hope that this letter provides you with clarity and we very much look forward to seeing all of our students return to in-school learning. We thank you for your words of support, kindness and thanks over the last half-term and we would like to reciprocate this with huge gratitude to all of the parents, careers, friends and family members that have worked hard to home-educate and support us during this period of lock-down. As usual, we will try and keep you up to date with any changes, when they arise, and hope this communication answers any questions you may still have.

Staggered return to full-time, face-to-face, teaching

The academy will begin its reopening on 8th March 2021, as outlined by the DfE. In order to allow for testing, this will be a staggered start for all year groups. The dates below show the start date for full time, on-site, teaching for all students. The expectation is that all students continue with remote learning until their allocated day of return. No student will be penalised for not testing, all students in a year group return on the same day (Lateral Flow Testing for each year occurs the day before each particular year group returns). If your child is not being tested – they do not need to attend the academy until the date listed below. There is an expectation that all students continue with remote learning until their day of return, when lessons will go offline. For example, if your child is in Y11, they will remote learn on Monday 8th March 2021, and be in school, face-to-face from Tuesday 9th March 2021. If your child in in Y9, they will remote learn on Monday 8th March 2021 until Wednesday 10th March 2021, and will attend the academy from Thursday 11th March 2021. The academy day and timings remain unchanged, and all students should arrive at their current tutor base, as normal on their first day. On return to face-to-face learning at school, full uniform must be worn. As usual, no nose-piercings, multiple earlobe piercings, unnatural hair colours, long acrylic nails or trainers will be allowed.

	Monday 8th March 2021	Tuesday 9th March 2021	Wednesday 10th March 2021	Thursday 11th March 2021	Friday 12th March 2021
Date of full time return to school	No students	Y11 and Y12/Y13	Y10 and Y7	Y8 and Y9	All students

Small School / Keyworker Provision

If your child attends the small school (keyworker provision) and has consented to testing, they will be tested on Friday 5th March 2021. They will attend small school, as normal, but will meet in the foyer where they will be greeted by staff who will register them. They will then move around the academy, accessing their normal lessons, as teaching staff will be delivering the content to students remotely, but in school. Normal lunch arrangements will stand.

Information about Testing

If you have opted to have your child tested, they will need to turn up at their allocated time slot and make their way to the K2 Building, the single storey building on the far side of the Academy's main car park, where a member of staff will greet them with further instructions.

Due to the extremely large number of students that have consented for testing, and due to a change in the DoH/NHS registration processes, we have made a slight tweak to the timetabled allocated time slots. Please take note of this. In addition, due to mass registration of students, there will not be any changes to your child's

allocated time slot - under any circumstances. This is due to the complex planning and registration administration that has already taken place following the Friday 26th February 2021, deadline of 3pm. No further consent forms can now be accepted. Any failure to turn up, lateness to an allocated slot or late submission for consent will result in a missed opportunity and cannot be rebooked. We have a very tight risk assessment in place to ensure safety is central, and therefore we cannot deviate off any planning. We thank you for understanding this and appreciate your support.

Please see below for further the details of the testing process:

- Parents or guardians will not be permitted to access the testing centre and cannot accompany children into the testing building.
- Students arriving on site just for testing, will not be required to wear uniform. Of course, on their return to full-time schooling, the next day, full uniform is expected.
- Students will be lined up outside, so they will need to consider what clothing they wear, as it may be cold and raining.
- We will endeavour to do our best to move the students inside the test centre as quickly as possible. In order to facilitate this, it would be helpful if students came prepared with knowledge of their address, postcode, parental/careers telephone number and an email that can be used to receive the results.
- If students have access to their mobile phones, we may require them to register online using these. Do not worry, if not – we will have iPads on hand.
- In addition, all students that enter the test centre will be required to wear a mask, so please ensure your child has one. Wearing of a mask whilst in the test centre is compulsory and no exemptions apply. This has been dictated by the Department of Health and is in place to protect staff and students. Please remember to inform your child to wear their masks in appropriate manner that covers their mouth, nose, and chin, leaving no gaps on the sides,
- Once registration has been completed movement through the test centre is very swift and so, wearing of masks inside, for those students who may be ordinarily exempt, will be quick. We will make sure that we have lots of staff on hand to support any student who may be worried about this, or any other stage of the process.
- Once your child has been tested, they can return home and continue with remote learning. If they get a negative result, they can return to school on their planned, staggered return date (as above).
- All results come straight from the NHS and so, you will receive a text message or an email following the test (normally within 1-hour). In addition, if your child tests positive, we will call you as soon as we know – and follow the Covid-19 guidelines.

	Monday 8th March 2021	Tuesday 9th March 2021	Wednesday 10th March 2021
Allotted Time Slot	Y11 and Y12/13	Y10 and Y7	Y8 and Y9
8.30am – 9.30am	Newton	Newton	Newton
10.00am – 11.00am	Tull 13G1 & 13G2	Tull	Tull
11.30am – 12.30pm	Pankhurst 13G3 & 13G4	Pankhurst	Pankhurst
13.00pm – 14.00pm	Hawking Y12G1 & Y12G2	Hawking	Hawking
14.30pm – 15.30pm	Bronte Y12G3 & Y12G4	Bronte	Bronte

Once again, we thank you for your support and hope that this letter clears up any concerns you may have. We are excited about our return and we look forward to being together as a community very soon.

Kind regards

The Senior Team.