



ST WILFRID'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

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Academy Re-opening from Monday 8th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your child(ren) with their remote learning. We are very proud of the way that our students have once again demonstrated commitment and resilience in adapting and continuing to work hard during this challenging period.

Following the Government's announcement yesterday regarding the re-opening of schools to all students from 8th March, we are very much looking forward to welcoming all our students back into the Academy, where they will find similar routines as before the Christmas holidays. We will be providing a video with further information for students in the next week to help them prepare for their return.

When the Academy does re-open from the 8th March, all students will be expected to attend with the exception of those who have been advised to shield by a medical professional.

On their day of returning to the Academy, students will need to be in full Academy uniform (students may arrive in their PE kit on the day they have PE). We advise that you check that your child(ren) has all the relevant items of uniform and that everything still fits so, if needed, you can order and receive any necessary items in good time for 8th March. Your child(ren) will also need to bring in their own face mask every day, which will need to be worn in lessons as well as in communal areas.

As you will have heard in the news, there will be a mass/home testing programme available to all students. Our understanding is that this will take the form of 3 tests in the Academy over the first 2 weeks. Students will be able to go to lessons following a negative result in their first test. From the 4th test onwards, the test will be conducted at home twice a week.

This is voluntary, but we are hoping for a high uptake of students taking part in the testing programme as this will help identify asymptomatic students who may be spreading the virus unknowingly, which in turn could lead to students having to self-isolate and miss further lesson time in school.

Please will you complete a short survey about the mass/home testing programme by [clicking this link](#). This will enable us to plan effectively and get students back into lessons as swiftly and safely as possible. To help us move forward with the testing programme, we ask that the survey is completed by Thursday 25th February.

Once we have an understanding on the level of demand, we will circulate consent forms and further details about the testing programme before your child is tested.

We look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back to the Academy.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Lewis
Assistant Principal KS4

Mr JP Fagan
Assistant Principal KS3

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