

Dear Parents and Carers

At last we have been given the go ahead to bring our students back into the Academy during the week commencing Monday 8th March. The three weeks we will have in the Academy leading up to Easter will be a decent amount of time for all of us to re-adjust to routines, high expectations and most of all remember the enjoyment of being with each other again.

Two points are clear:

- Students all need to have a lateral flow test before they return to the classroom
- Not all students can be tested at the same time

We do not wish to extend the period away from learning any longer than necessary, with the plan to test shown overleaf which will mean all students are back by the lunchtime of Tuesday 9th March. Please look at this timetable carefully. Year group reminders will come out by text nearer the time. In particular, if your child is in Year 7, 8 or 9 please note the reverse order of testing on Tuesday compared to Friday. This is to ensure that one-year group does not lose more lessons than another on these testing days.

The staff and I will be working very hard to bring the students back safely though we must remember the virus is still out there and now we have this new strain which has been recognised as being more transmissible than the original one.

As parents/carers you will be understandably anxious about the return of your child to the Academy so to support us in doing this safely can I ask you to do the following things:

1. Please ensure you have masks for your son or daughter to wear all day in school at least for this three-week period up to Easter. Students will not be permitted to be on site unless they wear masks. Staff will be wearing masks at all times. Cloth masks need to be washed daily. (Some students may be exempt due to extreme medical conditions and we ask that you send evidence of this to office@asadunstable.org.)
2. To test your child we will need your permission and we have set up a form in Edulink that must be completed by Wednesday 3rd March. The form can be accessed through the Form section of the parent/carer login on Edulink. If you do not have a login, please contact the Academy asap as this is the only way that this form can be completed.

Finally, though I am excited about the return I do not think we are out of the woods yet. I am still expecting that there will be periods ahead where teaching groups or whole year groups may have to self-isolate but you will have confidence now that we will seamlessly move to our remote learning if this occurs.

Kind regards

Liz Furber
Executive Principal

Plan for Testing Students on Return to the Academy

Please ensure students arrive at the time stated below to help with the smooth running of the testing.

Monday 8th March	
Years 7, 8 and 9 to remain at home on this day	
8.25am	11COU, 11DET, Year 13 arrive for testing
9.05am	11EXC, 11INS, Year 12 arrive for testing
9.45am	10COU, 10DET arrive for testing
10.25am	10INS, 10RES arrive for testing

Monday 15th March	
Years 7, 8 and 9 to attend as normal	
8.25am	11COU, 11DET, Year 13 arrive for testing
9.05am	11EXC, 11INS, Year 12 arrive for testing
9.45am	10COU, 10DET arrive for testing
10.25am	10INS, 10RES arrive for testing

Tuesday 9th March	
Years 11, 12 and 13 to attend as normal	
8.25am	9COU, 9DET arrive for testing
9.05am	9EXC, 9INS arrive for testing
9.45am	8COU (all), 8DET (all), 8RES (surname A-M) arrive for testing
10.25am	8EXC (all), 8INS (all), 8RES (surname N-Z) arrive for testing
11.05am	7COU, 7DET arrive for testing
11.45am	7EXC, 7INS arrive for testing
12.25pm	7RES arrive for testing

Tuesday 16th March	
Years 11, 12 and 13 to attend as normal	
8.25am	9COU, 9DET arrive for testing
9.05am	9EXC, 9INS arrive for testing
9.45am	8COU (all), 8DET (all), 8RES (surname A-M) arrive for testing
10.25am	8EXC (all), 8INS (all), 8RES (surname N-Z) arrive for testing
11.05am	7COU, 7DET arrive for testing
11.45am	7EXC, 7INS arrive for testing
12.25pm	7RES arrive for testing

Wednesday 10th March	
All students attend as normal	

Wednesday 17th March onwards	
All students attend as normal. No further testing on site as replaced with home testing	

Thursday 11th March	
Years 7, 8 and 9 to attend as normal	
8.25am	11COU, 11DET, Year 13 arrive for testing
9.05am	11EXC, 11INS, Year 12 arrive for testing
9.45am	10COU, 10DET arrive for testing
10.25am	10INS, 10RES arrive for testing

Friday 12th March	
Years 11, 12 and 13 to attend as normal	
8.25am	7COU, 7DET arrive for testing
9.05am	7EXC, 7INS arrive for testing
9.45am	7RES arrive for testing
10.25am	8COU (all), 8DET (all), 8RES (surname A-M) arrive for testing
11.05am	8EXC (all), 8INS (all), 8RES (surname N-Z) arrive for testing
11.45am	9COU, 9DET arrive for testing
12.25pm	9EXC, 9INS arrive for testing