

2nd March 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We are thrilled to confirm that we will commence a phased return for our students on the w/c Monday 8th March. Each year group will have a different starting point during the week – this is to enable us to ensure lateral flow testing is completed in line with government guidelines for both students and staff *before* formal lessons recommence. For this reason, all live lessons delivered remotely will cease on Thursday (4th March). Academic work will be uploaded for students to complete but staff will be encouraged to ensure they use this time to prepare for the return to face to face teaching with COVID safe measures in place.

The plan for **w/c Monday 8th March** is as follows:

Date	Time / entrance	Year group
Monday 8 th March	10.00am – Main entrance	Year 11
Tuesday 9 th March	8.35am – Main entrance	Year 7
	11.00am – Main entrance	Year 10
Wednesday 10 th March	8.35am – Bike shed entrance	Year 8
Thursday 11 th March	8.45am – Bike shed entrance	Year 9
Friday 12 th March	Full Academy restart	All

FULL ACADEMY RESTART

Programme

Year 7 (155)	Year 8 (162)	Year 9 (117)	Year 10 (77)	Year 11 (113)
Main entrance line-up basketball courts	Bike shed entrance - line-up playground	Bike shed entrance - line-up playground	Main entrance - line-up basketball courts	Sixth form entrance - no line-up
Tutor time and line- up 8.35 - 9.00	Line-up 8.35	Line-up 8.45	Line-up 8.45	Students go straight to lesson 1 at 9.00

(Once students have had their test results confirmed they will then recommence their formal timetabled lessons within their year group bubbles for the latter part of that day and the remainder of the week.)

Upon every student's arrival in school, they will be kept in their tutor groups and escorted to their tutor bases, observing the social distancing guidelines wherever possible. Once registered students will then be escorted to the testing facility on site where they will have their tests and then return to their tutor bases. This is to ensure that there is minimal mixing of students until a first initial test has been administered and results recorded. All students will continue to be educated in their year group bubbles and will be asked to wear PPE at all times, in and out of class. We are fully aware that some students are medically exempt from wearing a face covering.

There is currently much talk in the press about wider opening up of society and exciting plans for the summer, but we would strive to re-open with all of the safety measures in place before Christmas. We hope that you will continue to work in partnership with us to keep our community safe.

Students returning on the 8th of March will need to be in full school uniform. Jeans, tracksuit bottoms and trainers (unless on PE days) are not school uniform. Please check your children's uniform this week to make sure you have all you need for their return. Whilst the high street is closed, supermarkets are open and sell most essential items of uniform including school shoes. Please also note that brightly coloured hair and hairstyles which include shaved patterns are not part of our school uniform policy. Please support us by ensuring our students return to the high levels of presentation and behaviour we have nurtured as a school community. Face coverings should now be worn in classrooms or during activities unless social distancing can be maintained. This does not apply in situations where wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE lessons. Please treat face masks as part of the Ernulf Academy uniform and ensure that your child always comes into school with the appropriate PPE, unless exempt.

Finally, stationary will only be given to students under approved circumstances. This is to avoid cross-contamination on touch points as a Covid-19 preventative measure. Please ensure your child has everything from the below list everyday:

- Generously sized pencil case
- Blue or black rollerball pens/biros (have at least two in your pencil case at a time)
- Handwriting pen or fountain pen (with extra cartridges if needed)
- Highlighters (ideally four different colours)
- HB pencils (have at least two in your pencil case at a time)
- Pencil sharpener
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Glue Stick
- Scientific Calculator
- Green Pens
- Plastic Water Bottle
- Compass

If you have any questions about re-opening, please submit them to the school office and we will ensure that you are contacted directly via telephone/email.

We are all *incredibly* excited at the prospect of welcoming back all of our students and sincerely hope this will be sustained positive restart to school!

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Bissoo
Principal

