

Tuesday 4th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Return to Face-to-Face Education – from 8th March 2021

Following on from Mrs Lapskas’ letter last week, I am writing to give further details about pupils returning to school from next week.

As detailed in the previous letter, we need to test each student three times across the first two weeks of returning to school. Students are not in face to face lessons until after the results of the first test is known. With this in mind, LeAF Studio aims to test the majority of students on Monday 8th March, with one group to be tested the following morning, Tuesday 9th March. Students will not be required to wear uniform when coming in for testing. Please see a reminder of the timetable below:

Monday 8th March (AM)	Time slot	Students tested
	8:30am – 9am	DSA
	9am – 9:30am	BAMM
	8:30am – 12pm	LeAF onsite students - school transport only (details have been emailed directly by Mr Clark)
Monday 8th March (PM)		Yr9 by tutor group
	12pm	Mr Olson
	12:20pm	Mr Dennett
	12:40pm	Mr Stephenson
		Yr10 tutor groups
	1pm	Miss Magookins
	1:20pm	Mr Fortescue
	1:40pm	Mrs Taylor
		Yr11 tutor groups
	2pm	Ms Jennings & Mr Hayman
	2:30pm	Mr Burt and Mr Sorensen
Tuesday 9th March (AM)		Rockley
	8:30am	Group 1
	9:30am	Group 2
	10am	Group 3

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HIGH EXPECTATIONS – HIGH ACHIEVEMENT**

Throughout the first week, we will offer the second test as soon as possible by accompanying pupils to the testing room in teaching groups on site. LeAF Studio sixth form students will complete their tests when they are in school on Monday 8th, Thursday 11th and Monday 15th. Offsite Post 16 students will be expected as follows:

Thursday 11th March	Time slot	Students tested
	8:30am – 9am	DSA
	9am – 9:30am	BAMM
Friday 12th March		Rockley
	8:30am	Group 1
	9:30am	Group 2
	10am	Group 3

In the week commencing 15 March, we will complete the third test for all students, with offsite students expected as follows:

Monday 15th March (AM)	Time slot	Students tested
	8:30am – 9am	DSA
	9am – 9:30am	BAMM
Tuesday 16th March (AM)		Rockley (Group info will come direct from Rockley)
	8:30am	Group 1
	9:30am	Group 2
	10am	Group 3

For further information on testing, please refer to the guidance video which is now live on all of our social media channels – click here to view the video on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/RHGGTbwDuE>

Thank you to the vast majority of you who have completed the online consent form. In order to stop the spread of the virus and prevent us from having to close year group bubbles, it is critical that we now have the final few consent forms being completed. To help us register pupils for the test efficiently, please complete the online form as soon as possible. Please only complete the form if you have not already done so. The link is here:

tiny.cc/covidtestconsent

Please note that due to government guidance (which can be found at *Position statement regarding daily contact testing in schools from PHE and NHS Test and Trace*) the 7 day daily contact testing is currently postponed until further notice. In addition, please see the attached updated privacy notice.

During Monday 8th March independent learning through remote learning will be in place to allow students the time to access their testing slot:

Students should arrive within their timeslot and join the socially distanced queue on the outside hard area. A marquee is being set up should the weather require shelter. Staff will then direct them into our testing room and guide them through the process.

Face Masks and Coverings

Please note that the government have advised that masks or face coverings will need to be worn by all those who are not exempt, where social distancing is not possible. The reality of this is that all pupils will need to wear a mask or face covering when inside, including during lessons. Therefore, please make preparations to ensure that your child brings a suitable mask or face covering to school each day.

Canteen arrangements

The canteen arrangements are as before the most recent lockdown.

Pupils are welcome to bring in packed lunches as normal. Please make sure that all pupils have a drink of water with them. Fizzy and sugary drinks are not permitted on site.

If you wish to order from the canteen for your child, orders are to be placed by the Thursday prior, therefore **by Thursday 4th March** for the return on Tuesday 9th March. Please follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/Leaf-food-order>

Attendance

School attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from 8 March. The usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

- Parents' duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school (where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age)
- The ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

Learning Recovery

Following on from the information shared last week and in light of the government's announcement that Teacher Assessed Grades will replace exams for Year 11 and 13 students, we will be holding an information evening for parents of all students affected next week – this will take place on **Wednesday 10th March at 7.30pm**. Please check your child's calendar in their Teams account for the invite to the online session. In the meantime, it is extremely important that all students continue to complete and submit work to their teachers in order for us to be able to evidence their final grades.

We look forward to seeing all of our pupils back in our educational establishments from next week.

Yours faithfully



Mr T Clark
Vice Principal