

26 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The government have announced that all schools are to return to full time on-site provision from Monday 8th March. To ensure the safety of students and staff we will be testing all students who consent to a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Test upon arrival and then a further 2 times during the first 2 school weeks back.

Consent must be given by a parent/carer for these tests to take place. Thank you to all parents and carers who have given consent prior to January 2021 no further consent is needed.

If you would like your child to have their tests and have not already consented, you will have received a text message on Thursday 25th February. Please respond **by end of day on Monday 1st March**, you can also email NBA.Enquiries@e-act.org.uk confirming your consent.

In line with the government guidance we will be operating a phased return for students during the week beginning March 8th to deliver rapid result (LFD) testing. Students in years 10 to 13, children of critical workers and vulnerable students will be prioritised for testing during the first half of the week, followed by students in years 7, year 8 and year 9. Students who remain home for any part of the first week will be provided with remote education in the same way via Google Classroom they have been receiving since January.

Critical worker and vulnerable students who already have a place can continue to attend as normal until their year group returns face to face with their teachers.

Once students who are participating in testing have received their first negative result, they can return to face to face teaching. Students not taking part in testing can return on the date outlined for their respective year group.



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The arrangements are as follows in the tables below, students should arrive at the time designated below, on the 'first' day of school:

| Week 1 – w/c Monday 8 th March 2021 | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Year Group | 1 st Test | 2 nd Test | First Day Of School | Start Time on First day | Start Time 2 nd day onwards | School Ends all week |
| 13 | Monday 8 th March | Friday 12 th March | Monday 8 th March | 1.00pm | 8.30am | 2.50pm* |
| 12 | Tuesday 9 th March | Friday 12 th March | Tuesday 9 th March | 1.00pm | 8.30am | 2.50pm* |
| 11 | Monday 8 th March | Thursday 11 th March | Monday 8 th March | 10.00am | 8.30am | 4.00pm |
| 10 | Tuesday 9 th March | - | Tuesday 9 th March | 9.00am | 9.10am | 3.30pm |
| 7 | Wednesday 10 th March | - | Wednesday 10 th March | 8.40am | 8.40am | 3.00pm |
| 8 | Thursday 11 th March | - | Thursday 11 th March | 8.50am | 8.50am | 3.10pm |
| 9 | Friday 12 th March | - | Friday 12 th March | 9.00am | 9.00am | 3.20pm |

*unless in after school lesson

| Week 2 – w/c 15 th March 2021 | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Year Group | 2 nd Test | 3 rd Test | Arrival Time all week | School Ends all week |
| 13 | - | Wednesday 17 th March | 8.30am | 2.50pm* |
| 12 | - | Wednesday 17 th March | 8.30am | 2.50pm* |
| 11 | - | Wednesday 17 th March | 8.30am | 4.00pm |
| 10 | Monday 15 th March | Thursday 18 th March | 9.10am | 3.30pm |
| 7 | Monday 15 th March | Thursday 18 th March | 8.40am | 3.00pm |
| 8 | Tuesday 16 th March | Friday 19 th March | 8.50am | 3.10pm |
| 9 | Tuesday 16 th March | Friday 19 th March | 9.00am | 3.20pm |



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Home Testing

Following 3 onsite LFD tests on return to school, students will be offered home testing kits to conduct LFD tests twice per week. Further information will follow during the week commencing Monday 15th March about the arrangements of reporting the results to the academy.

Students who are aged 18 and over should self-test, with assistance where needed. Students aged 12-17 should self-test and report their results under the supervision of an adult; students aged 11 should have their tests conducted by an adult at home.

If your child tests negative in the LFD tests, they can continue to attend school unless they start to display symptoms of coronavirus. If your child receives a positive LFD result, they should begin to self-isolate for 10 days and inform the school immediately.

In anticipation of these tests, we thank you for your efforts and on going support for creating a safer academy environment for a students and staff.

Attendance

From Monday 8th March (or your child's designated return date) attendance is mandatory for all students, and the usual rules for attendance apply, eg. sanctions could be issued in the case of non attendance.

If your child is following Public Health England advice and are shielding or have COVID-19, you will not be penalised for any non-attendance, and remote education will be provided.

Face Coverings

As was the case prior to the third national lockdown commencing in January 2021, students in Year 7 and above should wear a face covering when moving around the academy e.g.) corridors where social distancing cannot be easily maintained. **The government also now recommends that students and staff wear face coverings in classrooms where social distancing cannot be maintained.** Students exempt from face coverings will not be required to wear one.

Please ensure your child has access to a face covering and also please bring a spare each day (where they are not exempt from wearing one) in case their face covering becomes soiled or damp etc. Please be aware that the school has a limited supply of face masks and parents/ carers may be asked to bring in a mask if they attend school without one.



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Uniform and Standards for all students

To reflect the updated government guidance, we will continue to ensure that students classrooms have good airflow and ventilation to reduce the risk of transmission. On cold days, students should be reminded to wear suitable layers of clothing eg. (base layers under uniform / school jumper) **Teachers will not allow students to wear a coat or scarf inside the classroom or academy building. All students will be expected to attend in full school uniform. In addition, here is a reminder of our academy expectations everyday:**

- Full school uniform except on days when they have a timetabled PE lesson in which case students should be wearing the NBA P.E/Performing Arts clothes or black top and bottoms and they must wear a school blazer on top.
- Black look shoes only to be worn.
- No outdoor coats, hats, scarfs worn inside the academy building
- No mobile 'phones visible/switched on
- No eating or drinking on corridors or in classrooms
- Full equipment on desk
- Bags tucked under desks
- Sit up straight in lessons
- (Covid-19 Specific) Masks on in communal areas and in classrooms – except lunch/break times when eating
- Staff will not ask a student to remove a face covering if they are wearing one.

Thank you for your continued support during this tough time, we appreciate all of your efforts in supporting our students, and we look forward to welcoming them back to the academy.

If you have any queries, or would like to speak to someone please get in touch with the academy on 0121 373 1647 or email NBA.Enquiries@e-act.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



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