

1st January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I sincerely hope you had a wonderful Christmas and have managed to have some sort of break with your loved ones during this difficult time. Please accept my apologies for waiting until now before writing to you with updated arrangements. As the situation is changing constantly, we have waited for as much guidance as possible before communicating it with you.

Phased return**Monday 4 January 2021**

This will be an additional INSET Day as communicated in my letter at the end of last term. This time will be used by staff to prepare adequately to conduct remote teaching and to begin our preparation to offer lateral flow (rapid result) testing to staff and students.

No student should attend the Academy on Monday 4 January 2021 and there is no expectation for students to complete work on this day.

Tuesday 5 - Friday 8 January 2021

Only 'vulnerable' children and those of critical workers should attend the Academy for an Emergency Education Provision. Those students should attend at their usual time, and enter through their allotted entrance and go straight to their Emergency Provision Classroom:

Year Group	Classroom
7	A12
8	C14
9	LRC
10	C9
11	C7

Students will be facilitated to complete the online work by Learning Support Staff and overseen by a senior member. If you wish to access a place in the Emergency Education Provision, please read and follow the instructions in the section below. Unfortunately, we will be unable to run the School bus service during this week.

Year 11

During this time Year 11 will receive online 'live' lessons at home via Google Classroom during their allotted timetabled periods. They must also attend a tutor period each day at 08:30 in order to receive an attendance mark, necessary notices and have a pastoral check-in with their tutor.

All students will receive 'live' lessons from their usual teacher wherever possible, but in some cases the lesson content will be pre-recorded. If a teacher is absent, cover work will be set on Google Classroom for students to complete.

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Year 7-10

During this time 'reteach' content will be set on Google Classroom for each period of the day. There will be no new curriculum content covered during this week.

In addition to this, the class teacher will assign one timetabled period in the week to be 'live' online to support students learning. This will be available in English, Maths and Science for all year groups and option subjects for Year 10.

Monday 11 - Friday 15 January 2021

'Vulnerable' children and those of critical workers should continue to attend the Academy as detailed above.

Year 11

Students should return to school for face-to-face learning following their usual timetable. The plan is for all consenting students to access lateral flow (rapid result) testing on entry to school. More details to follow next week.

Year 7-10

During this time students will receive online 'live' lessons at home via Google Classroom during their allotted timetabled periods. They must also attend a tutor period each day at 08:30 in order to receive an attendance mark, necessary notices and have a pastoral check-in with their tutor.

All students will receive 'live' lessons from their usual teacher wherever possible, but in some cases the lesson content will be pre-recorded. If a teacher is absent, cover work will be set on Google Classroom for the students to complete.

Monday 18 January 2021 onwards

The current guidance is for all students to return to the Academy during this week. We will communicate any changes in this guidance if required and our plans for bringing students back on site in due course.

Accessing the Emergency Education Provision

The school will be open to 'vulnerable' children and those of critical workers from Tuesday 5th January. You can see the detailed definitions of vulnerable learners and children of critical workers [here](#). Students should only access this provision where necessary as we will be unable to provide access to lateral flow (rapid result) testing, so we wish to limit student interaction at this point.

If you wish to register your child(ren) for a place you must inform the school by **Midday on Monday 4th January**. You can do this by completing the form found [here](#).

All students who are onsite must wear full Fareham Academy uniform and follow all the new Covid-19 safety measures detailed below. Please ensure that your children are suitably dressed, and we would advise a warm coat, hat, scarf, and gloves due to the current cold weather.

Increased Covid-19 safety measures**Lateral flow (rapid result) testing**

It is the intention of the Academy to put into operation large-scale 'lateral flow testing' for staff and students in line with the guidance that has been issued to schools by the Department for Education found [here](#).

As I am sure you will appreciate, organising and implementing such large-scale testing in readiness for the students' return is a large undertaking and I would ask you to be patient with us during this time. Further details and consent information will be communicated to you as quickly as we are able to do so.

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Face covering guidance

Even with lateral flow testing in place there is still the need to increase our in-school measures as this style of testing has proved not to be 100% effective. Due to this we will be asking students and staff (except those who are exempt) to wear face coverings on site in **all areas** including classrooms. This excludes time when eating or drinking at break and lunch. We would also encourage the use of a face covering on the journey to and from school.

Face coverings must be used appropriately, covering the nose and mouth. They can be plain or patterned but must not display any offensive images or designs. Scarves and bandanas will not be appropriate as they do not fit securely around the side of the face. If a student attends school without a face covering or exemption, parents/carers will be contacted to bring a suitable covering in.

If you would like your child to be exempt from this requirement then please can you write a note in their contact book. Students with this note will be offered a badge or card to identify their exemption.

It remains essential that if your child is displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 they **do not attend school** and get a test without delay. Further NHS information on this can be found [here](#). The Academy's Covid-19 Positive case telephone line (01329 245551) remains in place for anyone who needs to report a student case to the school.

I am sorry we are not able to welcome all students back to school next week, but we will continue to do everything in our power to keep everyone in our community safe. My hope is with the increasingly positive news on vaccinations that we will see a return to a greater sense of normality in the Spring. However, in the meantime, it is of paramount importance that we can continue to work together to ensure safety and that the impact on your children is minimised where at all possible.

Yours faithfully

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