

24th February 2021

School re-opening in week commencing 8th March 2021

Dear Parent or Carer

Further to the letter issued on the 22nd February I would like to provide you with some further details. However, please note that a further letter will be issued with full return plans once this has been confirmed.

You will have read in the media about testing for students and staff. We are wanting to ensure that all on site are safe, the more students and staff who we test with no symptoms the safer we will all be. Of course, if anyone has symptoms they should not come onto site and should self-isolate and go for a test via the NHS.

All schools are being asked to use a lateral flow test on staff and students 3 times on our return with a 3 to 5 day gap between each test. After this, students and staff will be provided with a self-test kit to use at home. I will write to you at a later date regarding the home test kits.

For us to test students in the academy you need to provide your consent. There is a new consent form to complete for this, one needs to be completed for each child. **We cannot test your child without your consent.** On our website under 'Letters to Parents' there is a copy of our privacy notice which tells you how this data will be used. **To access the Google Form to complete consent please use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/e5re2mtc>.** I would appreciate it if you could complete this form as soon as possible as this will support our plans. **You may have completed a consent form before, please still complete this new consent form as well.**

Students taking the test will be supervised by trained staff and given guidance on the correct procedure. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to complete taking a swab of your nose and throat. Where participants are under-16, parents or legal guardians will also be informed.

To allow us to prepare for our return there will be no live lessons on Friday 5th March. Remote learning will still be in place via Google Classroom. As lessons start to resume in the academy from the 8th March, all remote learning during the phased return week will be via Google Classroom (no live lessons) until your child returns. Our existing provision will continue in its current form until the 5th March, more details will follow regarding how this will operate from the 8th March.

On the run up to our phased re-opening, please note that our high expectations remain. Please ensure that students are ready to return that week with natural hair colour, no piercings or nail varnish and that uniform has been checked. Students will also require their planner, equipment and bag. If you have any concerns regarding the above please get in contact with us. If your child took home any of their workbooks these will need to be returned when they come back into the academy.

If you have any questions, please do also email these to enquiries@freeston.outwood.com

Yours faithfully



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