

# Principal's Blog

**Friday 5th March 2021**

## Looking forward to our return

We have just finished an extremely busy two days testing as many students as possible who had consent. As you can imagine this has been logistically a very busy period of registering, testing and uploading results to the NHS site. Our apologies if we have missed any communication from you, we have been working tirelessly to ensure our academy, students and staff are as safe as possible for our full return of all students at 8.10am on Monday 8th March.

We have now tested all students with consent who arrived on the two days. Monday starts the schedule for test 2 for all year groups and then we will follow with test 3. Please note that your child's result may take some time to get back to you depending on: whether we received their consent form on time, when the system is updated or whether the NHS system is working. Please be assured that if there is a positive result we would be in contact with you as soon as possible.

**For students who gave consent but did not arrive at the academy for the test on the 4th or 5th March they must NOT go to their normal gate on Monday 8th. They must go to the Sports Hall entrance from 8.10am where they will be tested and need to quarantine before going into school.**

I ask that all in the academy support their social responsibility regarding face (remember to bring a mask and a spare), hands (wash/sanitise hands whenever possible using the wash stations and sanitiser stations) and space (2m social distancing wherever possible). We also expect all students to follow our high behaviour expectations by being safe, respectful and responsible at all times, therefore, ensuring we have a smooth return.

We will still be exceptionally busy over the next few weeks with the follow up testing and then providing students with a home testing pack. **It is vital that your child is in school every day so as not to delay the testing schedule.** Again, we may be delayed in responding to any correspondence, please be patient with us.

Visitors to the academy are only allowed in exceptional circumstances and only by prior arrangement. Please email or phone and someone will get back to you.

Please ensure you re-read the letter sent out earlier this week regarding full aspects of our return. We look forward to a fantastic return and seeing our academy again full of students ready to learn.

Information Site to access support can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/y4pwhzqa>



**Virtual Parents Evening - Dates for your Diary**

- ★ **Y9 & Y10**  
with Subject Teachers  
9th March 2021
- ★ **Y11**  
with Subject Teachers  
23rd March 2021

Tuesdays - 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Look out for a text/email explaining how to book your appointment time.

## Guardian Summaries

We often receive from parents questions about how they can further support their child. One method is by signing up to **Guardian Summaries**. A detailed support area for this is here <https://classroom.freeston.outwood.com/home>. Guardian Summaries will allow you to see what work your child has been assigned.

## Wellbeing for all is vital

A reminder that there is the green button on our website taking to [Mental Wellbeing - Outwood Academy Freeston](#) and our own support site [Mental Wellbeing Resource Site](#), please use these and share with others.

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