

AS/JAJ – Return to School

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Dear Parent/Carer

First and foremost, I hope that this letter finds you safe and well.

Following the Prime Minister's announcements yesterday regarding the reopening of schools, we are delighted that we will be able to welcome our pupils back to the Academy from the **8th March** onwards. We are currently making plans on how to bring the pupils back in the safest manner and will confirm full details early next week.

Last night we learned the following:

- School attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from 8th March - **this does not mean ALL students will return on this date and we anticipate a staggered return to allow for initial Covid-19 testing;**
- All pupils will take three COVID-19 tests as they return to the classroom from the 8th March at existing school testing facilities - **we will test pupils on a rolling programme and will need parent/carer consent for this;** (a separate link will be sent via text, for parents and carers to complete their child's testing consent form)
- After the initial programme of three tests in the Academy, pupils will be provided with two rapid tests to use each week at home;
- All staff and pupils in the Secondary Phase are required to wear face coverings in all areas, including classrooms, unless medically exempt.

We will await further guidance as the week progresses. We know that you are very anxious for pupils to return to the Academy and rest assured we are doing all we can to ensure a smooth transition back to face to face education.

Some Important Notices

Free School Meals

We have commissioned vouchers to be emailed to the parents/carers of eligible children today for two weeks - taking us up to 8th March. You will receive this via email or post.





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Uniform

Our expectations for uniform have not changed. Please ensure that all uniform and equipment is ready for your child's return. A polite reminder that uniform can be ordered online if required, to give you ample time to do so. Please could we particularly remind parents/carers to check that **footwear** meets the Academy policy, which is available to view on our website. As stated, all pupils will be required to wear face coverings as part of their uniform, could parents ensure these are plain in colour.

Lunches

For children not eligible for free school meals, please ensure that your child has sufficient money on their WisePay account. The academy will not be handling any cash.

From myself and on behalf of all the staff at Bloxwich Academy, we are looking forward to providing further confirmation and welcoming our pupils back.

Yours sincerely

A Seager
Headteacher