



26th February 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that you are all well and enjoying the early signs of spring.

I am writing to you today with the general arrangements for **your child's return to school** week commencing **8th March**; more details will follow at the beginning of next week. Please note that a full-time return to school is compulsory the day after the students' first test.

We have planned carefully for our community's safe and supported return to school. We will be leading a purposeful and compassionate adjustment to learning back in school. Staff will not talk of 'catching up', but rather encourage our pupils to show their Alexandra values, have faith, and be kind to themselves and others. No students will be sitting 'mocks', but the teachers continue to assess progress in the lesson using various methods. The plan for assessment after Easter is being considered following the publication of the consultation results this week. As always, we will be putting their wellbeing first.

8th March – 15th March

Please note we are planning a staggered start to accommodate all students' testing before they return to class. Testing is a crucial part of the strategy to keep all of us safe.

The dates that your child will be tested and starting school during this week are outlined in the table.

When your child needs to come in on the days below to be tested, the exact times will be sent out at the beginning of next week, included in a letter detailing specific information for their year group.

Date	Testing	At School	Remote Learning
8 th March	Year 11, 12 and 13	Only testing	Work set by the teachers for all students to complete at home according to their timetable
9 th March	Year 7	Lessons in school begin for 11, 12, and 13	Work set by the teachers for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 to complete at home according to their timetable

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Network Associate Principal: Mr J Scafe

Date	Testing	At School	Remote Learning
10 th March	Year 10 students	Lessons in school begin for 7 pupils	Work set by the teachers for Years 8, 9, 10 to complete at home according to their timetable
11 th March	Year 11, 12 and 13 and year 8	Lessons begin for Year 10 students	Work set by the teachers for Years 8 & 9 to complete at home according to their timetable
12 th March	Year 9 students	Lessons begin for year 8 pupils	Work set by the teachers for Year 9 to complete at home according to their timetable
15 th March	Lessons begin for Year 9 students. All students attend school as usual on 15th March		

For the week beginning the 8th March, there will be no live virtual lessons to accommodate the live teaching happening in school and the organisation of the school community's testing. Pupils are expected to complete work that has been set for them according to their timetable flexibly around their test visit to the school (more information on this next week).

After testing, pupils are expected to return to school the following day in full school uniform

Existing measures to continue, including:

- Regular handwashing and hand sanitising
- Good respiratory hygiene (catch it, bin it, kill it)
- Zero physical contact / Social distancing
- Year group bubbles
- Restrictions on visitors to school

Parents Q and A session

Next week we will be running question and answer sessions on Teams;

Monday 1 st March	At 3.15 pm Year 11 & Year 13	Click link here
Tuesday 2 nd March	At 3.15 pm Year 10 At 4 pm Year 12	Click link here Click link here
Wednesday 3 rd March	At 3.15 pm Year 9	Click link here
Thursday 4 th March	At 3 pm Year 8	Click link here
Friday 5 th March	At 3.15 pm Year 7	Click link here

Please remember that all pupils must attend school full time according to our staggered return unless they have a letter confirming that they are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable. Any absence will be unauthorised. Please speak to the head of year if you have any concerns regarding attendance. Any pupils with Covid symptoms should not be sent to school; please follow the guidance below.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child back to school. As always, please contact a member of my team or me through info@arkalexandra.org if you would like to speak with us about any matter.

Yours sincerely,



Liam Collins
Principal

The process:

What happens if a child or staff member shows symptoms of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

