

HEADTEACHER: Mr G Rule



FAO: Parents & Carers

RE: Students' Return to School

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well at this time.

As you will be aware, on **Monday 22nd February 2021** the Prime Minister announced to the nation that from **8th March 2021** 'pupils and students in all schools and further education settings can safely return to face-to-face teaching'.

Following this statement from the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Education wrote to education leaders stating that 'All schools, colleges and further education settings should allow full attendance from **8th March**. Wraparound childcare, including childminders, should also allow attendance for eligible children. School attendance will be mandatory for all pupils, with secondary schools and colleges able to phase return over the week of 8th March to allow students to be offered testing on return'.

We welcome this announcement and are currently in consultation with Tameside Council regarding how best we should phase the return of students to Denton Community College. As soon as details are finalised, we will communicate these with parents via the usual channels.

In addition to the announcement regarding the return of students, the Secretary of State for Education also stated that later this week 'I and Ofqual will also be setting out very soon further details of the alternative arrangements to exams. This follows the consultation which received over 100,000 responses, including from so many of you and your students'. Again, as soon as further details emerge these will be communicated to you.

Once again, I would like to thank each of you for your continued support in the education of the young people of Denton & Tameside.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Rule', is positioned below the 'Yours sincerely' text.

Greg Rule
Headteacher