

26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Plans for the school reopening to all students

Firstly, we hope you are all well. This has been a difficult time for students and families, and it is very positive that we can look forward to having all our students back in school. The return to school does not mean the end of measures to limit the spread of the virus, and this letter explains some of those. We will keep you updated on all the steps we are taking to operate the school safely.

When they return to school, students will need to complete three tests over a two week period. After that they will be given the tests to take home and will be expected to test twice a week from then on. Testing is not compulsory, but we encourage you to give your consent as an important contribution to keeping our students, staff and community safe from Covid. [click here](#) to complete the form before your child returns to school. Over 16s can complete the form themselves.

We will be delighted to start welcoming students back to Eastlea Community School from Monday 8th March. One of the things we have learned from the pandemic is how resilient and adaptable our staff and students are. We have had significant numbers of pupils in school throughout, as well as developing high quality remote learning, and there has been fantastic learning happening during lockdown. However we have also learned how much we value and miss everyone being part of the day to day school community, with all the events and opportunities and interactions that go with that. When everyone returns, Eastlea will be as supportive and welcoming as possible, and we encourage you to let you to let your child's Achievement Leader know if there is any particular support that you think they may need. We will also be working with our partner schools in the Newham Community Schools Trust to ensure that there are even more interesting and positive activities and opportunities than ever before.

The arrangements for testing all of our students are complex, and we will be putting a phased return in place. Students will be invited into school on different days over the week. The detailed plan for this return and exact dates will be emailed to you and published on our school website in the next few days.

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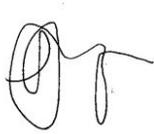
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In line with Government guidance all students will need to wear a mask at all times in the building, including in lessons. This has been updated on our school risk assessment; a summary of which is available on our website. If your child is exempt from wearing a mask, please complete [this form](#).

If you have any questions about either of the above, please contact the school at info@eastlea.newham.sch.uk

Finally, I would like to give our students and parents my very best wishes for making the necessary adjustments in the difficult weeks ahead.

Yours sincerely,



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