

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.

I would like to begin by thanking our students for their effort and engagement with the remote learning we have provided during this period of lockdown. We are now in a position to share with you our proposal for the phased return of all our students to the classroom during the week beginning **Monday 8**<sup>th</sup> **March 2021**.

We are looking forward to welcoming back all our students to face-to-face classroom teaching. As always, our priority will be to implement our plans in a safe and sensible manner. The table below illustrates how we will phase the return of all our students to the classroom, whilst at the same time implementing the programme of lateral flow testing for those whose parents have consented.

|                            | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>     | OL     | OL     | OL     | OL      | F2F     |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>    | OL     | OL     | OL     | F2F     | F2F     |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> | F2F    | F2F    | OL     | F2F     | F2F     |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>  | F2F    | F2F    | F2F    | F2F     | F2F     |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>    | F2F    | F2F    | F2F    | F2F     | F2F     |

|                            | Year 7   | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
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| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>    | F2F  | F2F    | F2F    | F2F     | F2F     |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>   | F2F  | F2F    | F2F    | F2F     | F2F     |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> | F2F  | F2F    | F2F    | F2F     | F2F     |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>  | F2F  | F2F    | F2F    | F2F     | F2F     |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | F2F (All Years) / Test 3 (Year 9) / Tests 1 & 2 Mop Up (All Years) |        |        |         |         |

|                         | Year 7 | Year 8            | Year 9             | Year 10          | Year 11 |
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| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> |        | F2F (All Years) / | Tests 1, 2, & 3 Mo | p Up (All Years) |         |

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|-----|---------------------------------|--|
| OL  | Online (Remote) Learning        |  |
| F2F | Face-to-Face Classroom Learning |  |
|     | Lateral Flow Test 1             |  |
|     | Lateral Flow Test 2             |  |
|     | Lateral Flow Test 3             |  |

In summary, the phased return of students will take place from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**, with all students back in full time face-to-face classroom learning from **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March**. Until the students have returned to the classroom, online (remote) learning will continue to be delivered by the students' class teacher. Once face-to-face learning has be re-established, students who are absent or self-isolating will be able to access the learning tasks and lesson resources via Google Classroom.

On the day students return to the classroom, the school day will begin at 8.40am. Students should arrive at school and wait in the playground outside their Homebase until they are allowed access to the building at 8.30am. The students' timetable will be the same pre-lockdown and will include the usual afternoon of Home

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Learning as before. The exception to this are students in Year 11 who will remain in College on Friday afternoons for the remainder of the academic year.

I hope this letter has answered some of the questions you may have had regarding the return of students to the classroom. We will write to students, parents & carers later in the week with further details regarding lateral flow testing and our expectations of students upon their return, which will cover the wearing of facemasks.

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

Greg Rule

Headteacher