

26th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would again like to thank you for all that you have done for your child during this period when schools have not been able to open to all students. Your kind messages of support have been gratefully received.

I am extremely pleased to be writing to you with the arrangements for students return to school from the 8th of March, 2021.

Due to the volume of testing that is required by Government guidance, we will be staggering this return. Students will return to the same year group bubbles and the same extensive safety measures will be in place, that worked so well prior to Christmas.

Year 11 and Year 13

Year 11 and 13 will be tested at school on Monday 8th March and then return home. There will be no remote learning set for Year 11 and 13 on Monday 8th and following a negative test result, they will return to school on Tuesday 9th March. Year 11 will return at 9.20am via the tennis courts and Year 13 will return at 8.30am via the tennis courts.

Year 10 and Year 12

Year 10 and 12 will receive remote learning on Monday 8th March and will be tested at school on Tuesday 9th March and then return home. There will be no remote learning set for Year 10 and 12 on Tuesday 9th and following a negative test result, they will return to school on Wednesday 10th March. Year 10 will return at 9.20am via the student entrance and Year 12 will return at 8.30am via the tennis courts.

Year 9

Year 9 will be set remote learning on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th of March. Students in Year 9 will be tested at school on Wednesday 10th March and then return home. There will be no remote work set for Wednesday 10th and following a negative test result, they will return to school on Thursday 11th March. Year 9 will return at 8.30am via the student entrance.

Key worker and vulnerable students

Those children of key workers and vulnerable students will attend school on the 8th/9th and 10th as normal. These students will have already completed their 3 necessary tests and will therefore not be part of the mass testing.

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What time will my child be tested?

A separate letter will be sent next week with your child's allocated time slot, details of the testing process and instructions on where the testing will take place (within the school site). It will be necessary to begin testing at 7.30am – 8.00am and then continue through until 6.00pm. Please can you try, as much as possible, to stick to these allocated time slots when you receive them.

Students will be tested a total of 3 times in the first 2 weeks back in school. Testing of students will then move to home testing. Details of this will follow in the next week.

We know there will be some anxiety around students returning to school and participating in testing. Please be assured that this testing, along with the other protective measures we are taking, allows your child to return to as safe an environment as possible.

We look forward to welcoming the pupils back shortly and if you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01527 526800 or email office@arrowvaleacademy.co.uk

Yours sincerely



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