

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am sure you were as pleased as we were to hear the news of the gradual lifting of our lock down rules.

We are still working through the Government guidance with regards to schools and awaiting further clarification on the arrangements for our student's return, along with the Covid testing process. Due to the logistics of testing all students on return, it is very likely this will be on a phased basis. The phased return will begin week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> March, with the aim of all students being in full time education by the end of that week.

As soon as we have finalised this information, I will write to you again.

All students must be tested using a Lateral Flow Test before returning to school. We have had many students already use these tests and it has proved to be a very easy and straight forward process. We do need parent's consent however to enable students to be tested. **Please can I ask that you follow the link below and give your consent by 3pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February to allow us to plan the testing that will be needed.** I will write to you next week to also advise you of your son/daughters allocated testing day and time slot. This testing will commence on the 8<sup>th</sup> March and continue that week.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UTeH7weljkS2mO4DGypXkmqjYF7NtRHm5oObWkpK-BUQkJXWk9IMkcwT1JRRjQ1TjISNEhUS1g2Wi4u>

We understand there maybe some anxiety around uniform for your child on their return and I know that basic items can be sourced from our local supermarkets, Tesco, Sainsburys, Morrisons and Asda. Items can also be ordered online (we do have 2 weeks until the proposed return date) and I have attached a link for Orchard Clothing <https://www.orchardschoolwear.co.uk/>. Orchard are the local supplier of our uniform and you are able to order online and they offer either a deliver to home or collect from premises option.

Please also ensure your child has a reusable mask on return to school. Students will be expected to have their own mask and these will be worn in communal areas and is some classrooms.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email us on [office@arrowvaleacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@arrowvaleacademy.co.uk).

We hope you are all safe and well and looking forward to the gradual return to normality. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout this extraordinary year.

Yours sincerely



Ian Mellor  
Principal