



2nd March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to share our initial reopening plans with you. Having carefully considered the guidance and discussing plans in detail with other secondary leaders, I am confident that we can facilitate a safe return for all.

Lateral Flow Testing

As you should already be aware lateral flow testing (LFT) will be offered to all students on return to school in order to keep our academy operating as safely as possible. I am pleased with the uptake and I thank all those who have already completed the consent form.

Return to School

There will be a staggered return in the week commencing 8th March. Once students return on their allocated day they will be expected to attend for the rest of the week.

	Return & First Test	Students to be tested	Students not giving testing consent
Monday 8 th March at 8.20am	Year 11	Enter school via bottom gate and Hibret Hall entrance and line up in tennis courts	Enter school via top gate and line up at usual space near Abbey Bite
Monday 8 th March at 11.30am	Year 13	Enter school via courtyard gate and line up in courtyard.	Enter school via main entrance and go straight to form room
Tuesday 9 th March at 8.20am	Year 9	Enter school via bottom gate and Hibret Hall entrance and line up in tennis courts	Enter school via top gate line up in main playground
Tuesday 9 th March at 11.30am	Year 12	Enter school via courtyard gate and line up in courtyard.	Enter school via main entrance and go straight to form room
Wednesday 10 th March at 8.20am	Year 7	Enter school via bottom gate and Hibret Hall entrance and line up in tennis courts	Enter school via courtyard entrance into Main hall.
Thursday 11 th March at 8.20am	Year 8	Enter school via bottom gate and Hibret Hall entrance and line up in tennis courts	Enter school via courtyard and line up in courtyard
Friday 12 th March at 8.20am	Year 10	Enter school via bottom gate and Hibret Hall entrance and line up in tennis courts	Enter school via bottom gate and go to Sports hall via Hibret entrance



Student Learning offer:

- In order to best facilitate the smooth running of returning to school we will need to provide staff with key information. In order for us to do this we will be suspending all live lessons from Friday 5th March.
- Remote learning will still be set for all students between Friday 5th and Friday 12th March if working from home.
- All staff will be on site from Monday 8th March to support within the testing process and provide the students in school with wellbeing lessons and teaching.
- PE lessons will continue as normal, so students should arrive in PE kits on their timetabled days.

Return day and first test procedure:

- Students will take their first test on the day they return to school but they will not be allowed into teaching rooms until a negative test result has been confirmed.
- Students being tested should enter school via the information given in the table above until they have been tested.
- Once a negative test is received students will go straight back to their timetabled lessons.
- Any student who is not giving consent to a lateral flow test should go directly to the usual morning space for lining up, as per the table above
- We will provide a further letter upon return which explains the second and third testing procedures. These tests will be between three to five days from the first test.

Face Coverings

In addition to wearing face coverings in communal areas and on school buses, students are required to wear face coverings in classrooms, unless exempt. Please ensure your child has two face coverings with them at all times. If we need to provide face masks, we will charge these to your parent pay account.

Return to face to face teaching

I would like to thank you for your support with remote learning over the past few months and I appreciate how challenging it has been. I understand that children will return having had very different experiences and for that reason we will focus first and foremost on their wellbeing. Teachers will spend lesson time determining what has gone well during the period of remote learning and what they need to focus on going forward.

Expectations

It is important that all students have a positive return and I appreciate your support in ensuring your child wears the correct uniform. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the following:

- Hoodies and other sportswear must not be worn.
- Plain mask (and a spare) which covers mouth and nose.
- Mid grey skirt must have the school logo and be knee length.
- Mid grey loose fitting trousers (boys/girls), not black. No joggng style girls' trousers.
- Plain black shoes (no logos, trainer style shoes, canvas pumps or boots, even if sold as school shoes).
- Plain grey or navy socks or plain tights (no white socks).
- No earrings or other studs e.g. nose, lip, tongue, no bracelets, rings or necklaces (other than a simple cross and chain).
- Nail polish and false nails are not allowed for students in Years 7-11.

I am really looking forward to welcoming all our fantastic students back. I will be communicating to families again this week to finalise the finer logistics of our reopening next week. In the meantime, if



you have any specific questions linking to your child, please contact your child's Year Manager in the first instance, through the academy info@abbeygrangeacademy.co.uk email address.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Thornton'.

J Thornton
Acting Principal

