

Arrangements for the return of students

March 2021

We are delighted to be welcoming our students back to the academy from the 8th March. The arrangements below have been put in place to ensure our students return safely and efficiently.

Vulnerable children and the children of critical workers

As was the case throughout the national lockdown, the academy remains open for vulnerable students and the children of critical workers. From the 8 March these students will access their normal timetable within the academy.

Returning to the academy

We are welcoming students back to the academy using a phased approach by year group. It is important to note that measures previously in place to reduce transmission of Covid-19 will continue. These include staggered start and end times, year group bubbles and zoning. The table below shows the date of each year groups initial test (time slots for tutor groups are further down this document) and the return date for each year group.

Year group	Date of Test 1	Date of return	Time of arrival	Entry Gate	Morning line ups	Time of dismissal
7F	10/3/21	11/3/21	8:27am	A	Tech Playground	3:00pm
7S	10/3/21	11/3/21	8:27am	A	Student reception	3:00pm
8	9/3/21	10/3/21	8:27am	B	Science Playground	3:00pm
9	9/3/21	10/3/21	8:27am	B	Science Playground	3:00pm
10DC	8/3/21	9/3/21	8:40am	A	Tech Playground	3:05pm
10M	8/3/21	9/3/21	8:40am	A	Student reception	3:05pm
11	8/3/21	9/3/21	8:40am	B	Science Playground	3:05pm
12 & 13	8/3/21	9/3/21	8:27am	B	6th Form Hub	3:05pm

Testing

The asymptomatic testing of students before they return to the academy will help to identify students who are infectious but do not have any Covid-19 symptoms. As you will appreciate this is a complex logistical operation therefore our students' return will be phased by year groups and testing will be staggered using tutor groups as per the table below.

It is important that students arrive on time and in full academy uniform at the student reception gates. If a student is late they should remain at the gates where they will be collected by a member of staff. Students will remain with their tutor group in the main hall and will be invited up to the testing room in small groups of five. The testing room has five testing bays allowing for privacy when undertaking the swabbing. Students will most likely be ready to leave the academy within 45 minutes of arrival although there may be some delays depending on how much support they may require.

Students that are anxious about the test are welcome to make themselves known to staff on arrival so they can access a test more swiftly. Members of staff from our Phoenix team will be around all day to put students at ease, as well as Senior leaders.

	Monday 8th March	Tuesday 9th March	Wednesday 10th March
8:30am	11KGY	9SMY	7GSH
9:00am	11PHH	9CDN	7KMD
9:30am	11NST	9AWD	7CTE
10:00am	11CHG	9MLG	7JHS
10:30am	11ACK	9ALR	7ATR
11:00am	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
11:10am	11PSD	9LBT	7KCS
11:40am	10GCL	8ABY	
12:10pm	10KMO	8HGR	
12:40pm	10MBE	8JSD	
1:10pm	LUNCH	LUNCH	
1:40pm	10RSY	8CFL	
2:10pm	10BHY	8PCP	
2:40pm	10RHS	8ACN	
3:10pm	Years 12 and 13		

Whilst testing is voluntary, we strongly encourage parents/carers to give [consent](#) to test their child in order to help us keep everyone in our academy and wider community safe. Students who are not participating in testing should attend the academy in line with our phased return arrangements.

Hot meals

We will be continuing the academy's hot meal provision established before Christmas by giving all students the opportunity to buy 'grab and go' hot food at lunchtimes.

To minimise queuing times, and to maintain social distancing as well as high standards of hygiene, students will need to buy a complete 'meal deal' which consists of hot food and a cake, cookie or piece of fruit. The cost of the meal deal will be £2.30 per day; this amount will be payable whether or not the student has the complete meal. The meal deal will not include a drink; this is to ensure that we provide value for money with the cost of the food, avoiding the need to buy a bottle of water.

Students will not be able to buy snacks at break time so please do provide your child with a healthy nut-free snack and a water bottle which they can refill during the day.

To enable your child to buy their lunch we must ask that you use ParentPay to ensure that they have sufficient funds in their account. The cash machines in the academy are no longer in use as we are a cash free academy.

Students entitled to free school meals will be provided with the full meal deal at lunch time and will also be able to collect a snack (breakfast bar and fruit) and a bottle of water at break time.