



To All Parents and Carers

1st March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Students' Return to School

I would like to update you regarding our plans following the recent Government announcement regarding the national return to school in March.

As you are aware, since January we have been delivering 'Live Lessons' and providing provision for some students on site. We are glad to report that the Government have announced that we can start to welcome **all** our students back in March.

Part of the Government strategy to reassure parents and carers is to use Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) to test students for Covid on their return to school. Please see my letter dated 24th February 2021 and our website for full details including a student consent form for Covid tests. Your completed student consent form should be returned by Thursday 4th March 2021 either online, by email or by paper copy. We request that all parent and carers complete this form to confirm whether or not you wish your child to participate in Covid testing at school.

Again, we find ourselves in circumstances that none of us have ever faced before and I understand that over the coming weeks we may face minor teething issues. As ever, if your child does experience any issues in relation to returning to school then please, in the first instance, head to our school website where help and support is available.

In order to accommodate the successful return and initial testing of students, 'Live Lessons' will be paused from Friday 5th March to Tuesday 9th March 2021 inclusive. Students will be informed in advance by their Form Tutors how to access their curriculum during this period. This includes an online Careers Day for all students on Friday 5th March 2021 with resources available via SharePoint. Live lessons will resume on Wednesday 10th March 2021 as year groups begin to return to school. Please refer to the enclosed Factsheet for further information including the timing of students' return to school, the Covid testing schedule and some Frequently Asked Questions.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for the support over this academic year. I'm sure the challenges haven't finished but it has been humbling to know that so many parents and carers are working with St Anne's for the best of our students.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Heyes
Headteacher

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St Anne's Academy Student Return Factsheet

First Covid Test Date

Students will be tested then return home [students already accessing on site provision will attend each day and remain on site as normal]

| When | Time | Who | What | Where | Home Learning | |
|---|--------------|------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---|---|
| Fri 5th March 2021 | 09:00 | Y7 | 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 & on-site students | First Covid test | Students to arrive at school by the stated time and go to Humanities area to await their Covid test | Live Tutor Time 08:30-09:00 followed by Careers Day: all resources available via SharePoint for independent learning |
| | 10:30 | | 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 | | | |
| | 12:30 | Y11 | 11.1, 11.2, 11.3 & on-site students | | | |
| | 13:30 | | 11.4, 11.5, 11.6 | | | |
| Mon 8th March 2021 | 09:00 | Y10 | 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 & on-site students | | | Live Tutor Time 08:30-09:00 followed by normal timetable with resources and activities available from classes on Microsoft Teams for independent learning [no Live Lessons] |
| | 10:30 | | 10.4, 10.5, 10.6 | | | |
| | 12:30 | Y8 | 8.1, 8.2, 8.3 & on-site students | | | |
| | 13:30 | | 8.4, 8.5, 8.6 | | | |
| Tues 9th March 2021 | 09:00 | Y9 | 9.1, 9.2, 9.3 & on-site students | | | |
| | 10:30 | | 9.4, 9.5, 9.6 | | | |

Second Covid Test Date and Full Return to School

| Date | Attend School | Work from Home |
|---|---|---|
| Weds 10th March 2021 | Y7 & Y11 will return to school as normal from this date. Arrive between 08:15 and 08:30. Students will receive their second Covid test. | Y8, Y9 and Y10 should access live lessons from home. |
| Thurs 11th March 2021 | Y8 & Y10 will return to school as normal from this date. Y10 arrive between 08:15 and 08:30. Y8 arrive between 08:30 and 08:40. Students will receive their second Covid test. | Y9 should access live lessons from home. |
| Fri 12th March 2021 | Y9 will return to school as normal from this date. Arrive between 08:30 and 08:40. Students will receive their second Covid test. | All students will have returned to school as normal by this date. |

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Third Covid Test Date

- Students in Y7 & Y11 will be offered their third Covid test on Monday 15th March 2021
- Students in Y8 & Y10 will be offered their third Covid test on Tuesday 16th March 2021
- Students in Y9 will be offered their third Covid test on Wednesday 17th March 2021

Frequently Asked Questions

Can my child return to school without being tested?

- Yes, tests are voluntary and if you do not want your child to be tested, they return on their year group's starting day as normal. Consent forms can be accessed via our website on www.stannesacademy.org.uk.

Does my child have to wear school uniform when he/she comes to school just for their first Covid test?

- No, students do not need to wear uniform when they attend for their first Covid test only and go straight home afterwards. Students who are already accessing on-site provision will attend school as normal in full uniform.

Why are all students not returning to school on Monday 8th March 2021?

- We are staggering the return of students to school during week commencing 8th March 2021 in order to cope with the demands on staff resources of testing all students and staff for Covid during that week.

Will my child have access to a hot lunch when they return?

- Hot school lunches will be available to all students on a daily basis from the date they return to school.

Will extra-curricular clubs run?

- We look to start extra-curricular clubs after the Easter holidays to ensure we have all students integrated back safely first.

Will I receive home testing kits for my child?

- Yes, home testing kits should be delivered to school by mid March then they will be available for collection. Further details will follow in due course.

Is it safe for my child to return to school?

- Yes. We continue to maintain a comprehensive risk assessment in order to keep everyone on site safe and this is available on our website.

Can my child continue to access remote education from home instead of returning to school?

- No, attendance is mandatory from week commencing 8th March 2021 in line with the above return to school schedule.

Does my child need to wear a face covering when he/she returns to school?

- Yes, the expectation is that students should wear face coverings in school unless they are exempt. Students who are exempt from wearing a face covering should carry a visible pass at all times, e.g. an appropriate lanyard. Further information regarding face coverings will follow over the next few days.

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