



Friday 5th March 2021

Dear parents and carers,

As we finish this week, everyone at Avanti Fields is excitedly looking forward to welcoming our young people back into the building

We appreciate that this is another change for our students to face and that for some, there may be concerns or anxiety. However, we are confident that they will manage this next change with the same resilience, maturity and optimism that we have come to expect and admire in Avanti students.

That said, staff are mindful of the importance of reintegrating students back into school life. We have a programme of welcome and return planned for tutors and in lessons that will reflect on the last few weeks. Students will be returning to the skills we need to rebuild and will be recapping prior learning, all with the aim of helping students feel secure.

The testing schedule is in place and you will have seen from the my previous letters that this will impact on “normal” school life for the first few days .

Return date	Pupils in school	Remote education -work uploaded, no google meets / tutorial
Monday 8th March Morning – bus pick up normal timings	Year 7 X,Y,Z	Year 7 U,V, W Year 8 Year 9
Monday 8th March Afternoon 12.50 (pick up 11.55 pm onwards)	Year 7 U,V,W	Year 8 Year 9
Tuesday 9th March Morning– bus pick up normal timings	Year 7	Year 8 (periods 1 and 2) Year 9
Tuesday 9th March Afternoon (Year 8 pick up from 11.55 am onwards)	Year 7 Year 8	Year 9
Wed 10th March morning– bus pick up normal timings	Year 7 and 8	Year 9 (periods 1 and 2)
Wednesday 10th March (Year 9 pick up from 11.55 am onwards)	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9	
Thursday 11th March– bus pick up normal timings	All students in , buses as normal,	
Friday 12th March– bus pick up normal timings	All students in , buses as normal,	

Can I ask parents to stress the importance of safe conduct on the bus into school, considering the following points:

- Masks should be worn at all times
- Hand sanitiser must be used before getting on or off the bus
- Food should not be eaten on the bus –as this requires students to remove their mask
- For the first return to school, students must sit on separate seats.

Once students have completed their third test in school – which will be by Thursday 18th March- students will be given test kits to use at home. Further details will follow.

Families are now also able to access home testing kits for a twice-weekly tests through the following channels:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site [Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)
- by ordering a home test kit online [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

Finally, a reminder that It is highly recommended that pupils wear face coverings during their lessons so please ensure your child has two face coverings with them each day.

In the meantime, we have a date to look forward to – Friday 19th March is Comic relief day. Mrs Kansara is planning range of activities and students will be able to come in non-uniform for a £1 donation to the comic relief charity. More details to follow.

As ever, please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything you are concerned about – we are here to help.

I look forward to greeting our Avanti students back next week.

Kind regards



Emma Taplin
Principal