



Friday 26th February 2021

Dear parents and carers,

On Monday the Prime Minister announced plan for the return of all pupils to school. This was fantastic news and everyone at Avanti Fields is looking forward to welcoming our young people back into the building and excited to getting back to something like “normal” school life. I am sure you are as keen as we are to return to not just face to face learning but the daily personal contact that we all miss.

I am writing to confirm our plans for the wider opening of schools for face to face teaching. Returning to school safely is linked to rapid testing in schools. Pupils should return to the classroom following their first negative test result. Testing is voluntary; however we encourage everyone to participate in the asymptomatic testing programme to help break the transmission links by identifying those who may be carrying the virus unknowingly.

As per my previous letter, the school requires all parents/guardians to complete the consent form for each child attending the school. This form should be completed even if you do not consent to have your child participate in the asymptomatic testing.

Please complete the form by no later than **3pm on Monday 1st March** to allow the school to finalise our testing arrangements. Consent form: <https://avanti.wufoo.com/forms/consent-form-for-covid19-testing/>

To enable us to carry out the testing safely in school we have planned a staggered return for year groups; this allows us capacity and space to test all students in the year group before they return to their classes. Please note the day of return for your child – remote education will continue until the day of return.

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, we will run two bus services morning and lunchtime, to stagger entry before each year group has their first test. Full details of pick up times for each route to follow.

Return date	Pupils in school	Remote education
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 (Year 7U, V, W pick up from 11 am 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 (Year 8 pick up from 11 am onwards)	Year 7 Year 8	Year 9

Return date	Pupils in school	Remote education
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 am onwards)		
Thursday 11th March– bus pick up normal timings	All students in , buses as normal	
Friday 12th March– bus pick up normal timings	All pupils	

Our system of controls and timetable adjustments will remain in place for the foreseeable future to prevent the spread of infection. This includes the class ‘bubbles’, lunchtimes, use of playground areas, staggered entry and exit. Face coverings have been worn in the corridors and communal areas of school since the beginning of the autumn term. The latest guidance recommends that face coverings be worn in classrooms unless social distancing can be maintained. Therefore, due to the layout of our classrooms it is highly recommended that pupils wear face coverings during their lessons. Face coverings do not need to be worn outdoors or when taking part in PE lessons.

Please ensure your child has two face coverings with them each day.

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 from Monday 8th March.

Kind regards



Emma Taplin
Principal