

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the Government announcement on Monday, we are really looking forward to having students back in school. We want to thank you and your children for your hard work and support over this last period of lockdown.

We are planning that all students return to City Academy from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Student Testing**

The Government have asked that secondary students carry out 3 lateral flow tests in school over the coming weeks. Testing is voluntary, although pupils are strongly encouraged to participate as testing regularly will help to identify positive cases more quickly and break the chains of transmission.

If you have not yet given consent for your child to be tested, please can you complete this online consent form by clicking this link

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ViObpySMIkM0IMbibQtAkBkUz6HxKVxBvtJBwieFbl9UNDNGSTczR0cxRkhJNEpLUDJKM1ZHSTA2Uy4u>

**Test 1** - will take place in school, for all students whose parents have given consent as follows:

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March – students to arrive via the side entrance into the Theatre

- Year 7 - Between 9.30am and 11am
- Year 8 - Between 11.30am and 1pm

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March – students to arrive via the side entrance into the Theatre

- Year 9 - Between 9.30am and 10.30am
- Year 10 - Between 11.00am and 12pm
- Year 11 - Between 12pm and 1pm

**Test 2** - will take place in school, for all students whose parents have given consent as follows:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March – students to arrive via the side entrance into the Theatre

- Year 7 - Between 9.30am and 11am
- Year 8 - Between 11.30am and 1pm

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March

- Year 9 - Between 9.30am and 10.30am
- Year 10 - Between 11.00am and 12pm
- Year 11 - Between 12pm and 1pm

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**Test 3** - the third test will take place during the school day on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

You may have seen via the media, that there will be home testing kits available for students whose parents give consent for them to be testing. This will begin after Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. We will update you as soon as possible with further information on the supply of test kits etc.

### **Re-Opening for Students**

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 - From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March until Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, students should continue to attend live online lessons. From Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March until Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be set online work via Microsoft Teams, following their normal timetable, these will not be live lessons, but assignments set.

Year 11 – Continue to follow their online assessment 1 program until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March, and then on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March they will be set online work via Microsoft Teams, following their normal timetable, these will not be live lessons, but assignments set.

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, all students will be returning to school, at the following times. They will be having an induction day. This will be a staggered start; the timings will be confirmed to you next week.

From Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March students will be returning to their normal lessons, in their normal classrooms. Each day they will need to arrive by 8.30am to the following gates:

- Year 7 & 8 – Yellow
- Year 9, 10 & 11 - White

Students will leave via these gates, each day of the week:

- Year 7 & 8 – Yellow
- Year 9, 10 & 11 - Red

### **INSET day postponed**

According to our calendar for this year, we were due to hold an Inset day on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

In light recent developments, and our intention to commit fully to supporting the return of all learners, we have postponed the trust wide INSET day that was planned for 17<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May (the final day of term 5). This is so that we can dedicate our time in the short term to supporting our children to re-engage with learning and with their peers.

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## Face Masks

The Government now recommends that the use of face coverings in secondary schools is extended for a limited period to all indoor environments - including classrooms - unless 2m social distancing can be maintained. **Please can you ensure that your child has a mask before coming to school, unless they are exempt. We recommend your child also always carries a spare mask in case they lose or break one.** If your child arrives to school without a mask, they will be asked to return home to collect one.

## Parent Pay

You may have seen a previous letter to you about Parent Pay. Thank you to all the parents who have signed up for an account.

**We need all parents to sign up**, even if your child doesn't have school meals. This is because not only is this a payment system for things such as meals, snacks and trips, it will also become the main way in which we communicate to parents, so you must have an account to receive communications from school.

You have been sent letters with your child's login, if you need another copy, please email [CABinfo@clf.uk](mailto:CABinfo@clf.uk) and we can send you the details.

We are now half way through the school year and we are confident our students can look forward to a positive experience over the coming months.

Thank you for your support and co-operation in these challenging times, if you have any queries, please contact me via the school email address [CABinfo@clf.uk](mailto:CABinfo@clf.uk)

Best wishes



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