



22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

Boris has spoken, and we now have a route map for return. Our next step is to work closely with each other to make the journey back as safe and successful as possible.

**In School COVID-19 Testing** - To maximise safety we are planning on testing all students before they come back to school for lessons. The initial tests will take place on the dates below. Students will have two additional tests three to five days apart. You will be given a more detailed form group specific plan by the end of the week.

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 and Year 13
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 and Year 12
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 and Year 9
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8

**Staggered Start** - The students will return to lessons at normal times on the following dates:

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 (PPE timetable starts) and Year 13
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 and Year 12
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 and Year 9
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8

The government have made it very clear that attendance from these dates in all, but the most extreme, circumstances is mandatory. If you do have any concerns, then please email Miss Whiteman [twhiteman@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:twhiteman@thehazeleyacademy.com).

**Home testing** – After the first week both students and staff will be supplied with LFD test kits to self-swab and to test themselves twice a week at home. Staff and pupils must report their result to NHS Test and Trace as soon as the test is completed either online or by telephone. It is fairly straight forwards and further instructions will follow.

**Face Coverings**- Government guidance is that face coverings will now be **worn in classrooms** as well as other indoor social areas. They do not need to be worn outdoors or during practical PE lessons. Exemptions will be in place, but we hope that this will only occur when absolutely needed, so that we can play our part to protect others. This will be reviewed at Easter.

**Ventilation**- There will be an increased emphasis on keeping spaces well ventilated. Windows and doors will be kept open when appropriate. We will be encouraging students to wear jumpers and coats if they want to.

**Small School** – Onsite provision for vulnerable children and the children of key workers will continue in a skeletal format until all year groups are fully back in school.

**Reminder on Routines** – Mr Mortimer (Years 7-11) and Mrs Mayles (Years 12 & 13) will shortly be sending out updates and reminders of key routines to all students and parents. Staff will go over these again on the first day back. As always, we are aiming for that Hazeley balance of warm and efficient.

**Extracurricular Clubs and Activities** – Will start again in a phased approach. More details will come from Miss McKenzie.

We will sharpen and share more details with you before the end of the week. In the meantime, you can support your child and their school community to have the best possible return by:

**Completing your consent form for COVID-19 testing** - If you have not already done so complete the consent and registration forms. They can be accessed here: [consent form](#) [registration form](#). If you have any questions or comments, then please email Miss Whiteman - [twhiteman@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:twhiteman@thehazeleyacademy.com)

**Preparing uniform** - Check your child's uniform fits. If you need to order new items contact our supplier Kedaph Schoolwear on 01908 417142 or via [Kedaph Schoolwear Website](#) . If you have financial barriers, then please contact Mr Mortimer - [OMortimer@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:OMortimer@thehazeleyacademy.com). We hope to have system up later in the week to give parents access to high quality, clean secondhand uniform.

**Preparing equipment**- Face coverings (at least 2 per day), a bottle of hand sanitiser, schoolbooks, pens and pencils etc

**Symptoms** – Please do not send your child into school if they have any symptoms or are a close contact with someone who has tested positive in the past 10 days. Contact attendance by email [attendance@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:attendance@thehazeleyacademy.com) .

**Positive tests** – Please call the COVID-19 phonenumber 07387 064221 if your child or anyone in the household tests positive.

**Free School Meals** – If your circumstances have changed and you think you may now be eligible to claim free schools meals for your child, you should follow the guidance on our website [The Hazeley Academy - Free School Meals](#) .

**Remote learning** – Maintain routines with remote learning, doing all you can to help your child make every lesson count.

**Following the guidance on social distancing** – Although things are looking much better it is very clear that we all need to keep playing our part and follow the existing guidance, whilst also encouraging others to do the same.

It is only natural to have some mixed feelings about the return, but please don't forget we are alongside you every step of the way, working with you to turn the challenges into opportunities for your children.

As always, we may need to make a few tweaks to our plans, but we will keep you updated. Equally if you have any questions or comments then do not hesitate to email the relevant member of staff at the Academy. Alternatively please email [enquiries@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:enquiries@thehazeleyacademy.com) and we will direct your query to the relevant person.

Kind regards,

Mr Nelson