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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: TNHA Phased Re-opening from Monday 8th March 2021

Further to the communication that we sent out earlier this week about students returning to the academy for face-to-face teaching next week, I wanted to set out the detail of our re-opening plans.

As previously communicated, we will be phasing students back into the academy. Students are expected to return to the academy on the following days:

Monday 8th March	-	Year 11
Tuesday 9th March	-	Year 10
Wednesday 10th March	-	Year 7
Thursday 11th March	-	Year 8
Friday 12th March	-	Year 9

For the days before return to the academy again, remote learning for students at home will continue. Students will need to understand that there may be a little delay in these remote lessons starting as teachers will be back in the academy and may be coming from face-to-face lessons to join their remote lessons.

On the day that students are due to return, and again as previously indicated, we would like the students to return at staggered times through the morning so that we can get students back into the academy safely and ensure those who have consented to being tested can have their tests administered correctly. Therefore, on the days that students are due back we would ask that students arrive at the following times:

Normal Arrival Time: All students in that year group who catch academy buses or county buses should catch their bus at the normal time (pre-Christmas time) and arrive at the academy as normal. They will have their COVID test during Lesson 1.

9.50am: All other students in that year group who have consented to being tested should arrive at this time. They will have their COVID tests during Lesson 2.

11.20am: Any students who do not fall into the first two groups should arrive at this time, ready for Lesson 3.

This staggered start to the day will allow us to reintegrate students safely and support and supervise the testing of returning students in a safe and controlled way.

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For those students who have consented to being tested the second and third tests will be carried out over the first two weeks that students return. These tests have to be spaced a certain number of days apart but we will be able to manage this within the context of the normal academy day.

The planned days for testing are as follows:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon
8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	22nd
Yr 11 Test 1	Yr 10 Test 1	Yr 7 Test 1	Yr 8 Test 1 Yr 11 Test 2	Yr 9 Test 1 Yr 10 Test 2	Yr 7 Test 2 Yr 8 Test 2	Yr 11 Test 3 Yr 10 Test 3	Yr 9 Test2	Yr 7 Test 3	Yr 8 Test 3	Yr 9 Test 3

Students will return to the academy in the 'bubbles' that they were in during the autumn term and expectations will be the same. The kitchen will continue to operate but with a reduced offer which will need to be ordered by students at the start of each day, as they were doing previously. As mentioned in my last letter, we will also be arranging for additional deep cleaning of our site on a regular basis and doing everything we can to maintain a safe environment for everyone following their return. However, one particular change is that the government has issued guidance to say that staff and students are to wear face coverings in all parts of the academy wherever social distancing is not possible. Again please ensure that your child is aware of this new expectation and we appreciate your support in doing everything you can to help us enforce it.

We will be reviewing how all this works in the academy over the first few weeks and in line with Government advice and guidance with the hope that we can get back to more normal ways of operating sooner rather than later.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing our students back in the academy next week.

Kind regards and stay safe.

Mr. Woodhouse
Principal