

23 February 2021

Dear Parent

We are delighted that the government has given the go ahead to reopen schools commencing 8 March 2021. We are currently looking at the reopening plans in great detail and will share full details as soon as we can, hopefully no later than Tuesday 2 March.

What we can confirm with you now are the following pieces of information, which we hope will help with your own planning:

1. That all students will be offered three lateral flow COVID-19 tests to be undertaken in school. A consent form for this testing has been sent out today and can be found in the link below. This is a NEW consent form and replaces all previous consent. Testing is optional, you DO NOT have to consent to testing, we encourage everyone to have a test. **Please complete the consent form, if you wish your child to be tested, as soon as possible and no later than 4 March, consent given after this time will not be used for testing and your child will not be tested.**

[March 2021 Parent consent for Covid-19 testing in school \(office.com\)](#)

2. That during the week of 8 March, we will be undertaking a **phased** return for students. The details of this will be shared with you as soon as possible. This will see year groups allowed back into school once they have been tested for the first time. We anticipate the testing and return of students to take most of this week and lessons will continue on line until the year group testing has been completed. We will be looking to get the oldest children back into school first and then subsequent years groups thereafter.

On line lessons will continue to take place whilst students are at home. If you do not consent for testing, your child will return to school on the same day as their year group peers and not before. We cannot yet publish the detail of which days students will return to school until we have an indication of the number of children we are required to test, giving your consent as quickly as possible will help us do this quicker. If you are going to consent, please do it ASAP.

3. That when students do return to school, this will see them accessing lessons around the school site as they were before Christmas and will see year groups having a social time in their year group bubble as before. We will be reopening our catering offer and will share details of this with you in due course along with the structure of the school day, arrival and departure times and routes. We are hoping that this will be as close to that which we had before Christmas.

4. During the week of 8 March, our provision for critical workers and vulnerable children will continue and we ask that you only sign your child up for this if it is absolutely essential that they come to school during this week. The form to sign up for this will be shared in due course.

5. We will be expecting all students to come back to school in correct uniform. Our suppliers are open for on line orders and we ask that you check your child's uniform and organise any items that are needed as soon as you are able. Information about our suppliers is found on our website: [Uniform and equipment \(theacademycarlton.org.uk\)](#)

Please do not send us questions at this time. Our aim is to provide you with all of the information you require in one package and in good time for you to read and discuss with your child. We ask that your child engages in all of their on line learning and ensures that they have their work well organised and ready for return to school. We are very much looking forward to seeing students back at school, please bear with us whilst we make the detailed plans we need to make in order to do this successfully.

Many thanks for your on going support

Mr Pierpoint & Miss Egwuma