



CAISTOR YARBOROUGH ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers

RE-OPENING OF THE ACADEMY - WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 8TH MARCH 2021

I hope that you are keeping well and that everyone at home and around you are well and safe too.

Welcome back to this new term and I do hope that you were able to enjoy a restful half term break. Sadly, none of us were able to do the usual 'out and about' holiday activities, but hopefully there will be opportunities in the future now that we have been given clearly mapped stages towards a route out of lockdown. Thankfully, we see that the re-opening of schools has been identified as part of the first stage. Of course at Caistor Yarborough we will be delighted to welcome our students back to the Academy once again. However, I feel I must clarify that we can only do so in a safe, controlled and measured manner. The details published, especially regarding the need to test students on their return, are complex and do present logistical problems. As with most announcements, there is a great deal of detail behind the headlines and I want to be clear in explaining what this means for schools. Therefore, we would ask that you bear with us and understand that **it is not a case of all students returning to the Academy on Monday 8th March** and consequently I am writing to clarify the details of these plans and to share further information.

A Reminder of Current Working Practices

- Most importantly, if your child has any COVID-19 symptoms or your family is isolating, they must not come into school. You should follow the Government's Stay at Home Guidance.
- We will continue to operate a Year Bubble System as per last September.
- Social distancing rules remain in place.
- Hand washing and sanitising rules will still be in place.
- Ventilation will be improved around the site.
- Cleaning and disinfecting schedules will be improved around the site.
- Bus transport and travel rules will remain in place. Buses will resume on Monday 8th March.

Staggered Start from the 8th March to Allow for Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing

- Schools begin to reopen for students on the 8th March. We will NOT be open for all students from this date.
- We must first complete the LFD tests for all those who have consented in every year group.
- These 'first' (of three) LFD tests will take us at least one week to complete.
- After this, provided the first test is negative, students will remain in school.
- Test results that are positive will require students to be picked up from the Academy, following which the normal isolation period for the whole household will need to be adhered to using guidance from the NHS Track and Trace.

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- We must then complete a further two tests which are 3-5 days apart. At this point, students will be back in classes and we will simply remove them from lessons to complete the second and third tests in school.
- Students whose parents/carers have not consented for them to have a test will return to school the day *after* the day identified for the testing of their year group.
- If you have not yet completed the consent form for your child and wish to do so, please click on the link below to submit the electronic consent form. We cannot test any student without this first having been completed.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LeZsaEzIUEKJI4QbOwhBmtdYZpF4YXIBk5LKL-y9jidUNIBINetZSDgySjNQUTJLMU9QVDdSWUVWSy4u>

- The children of key workers and vulnerable children who have been attending the Academy over the last few weeks can continue to do so on a daily basis and they will be transitioned back into normal lessons when their year group returns.

The rota for return is as follows:

Year Group	Day to Return - Consent Given	Day to Return- No Consent Given
11	Tuesday 9 th	Wednesday 10 th
10	Monday 8 th	Tuesday 9 th
9	Friday 12 th	Monday 15 th
8	Thursday 11 th	Friday 12 th
7	Wednesday 10 th	Thursday 11 th

- On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for Years 10, 11 and 7, children who come to school by bus will arrive as normal for 9.00am. **Please can we ask that students who walk to school, or can be brought by car, arrive at 1.15pm to stagger the arrival for testing.** On Thursday and Friday (for Years 8 and 9) please can all students arrive for 9.00am.
- After the three ‘in school tests’ have been completed, parents are asked to complete tests twice weekly at home (clear guidance and further details on this will be published soon).
- When students return, they will follow their normal timetable in their planners from before lockdown. Students are still required to wear PE kit on the days that they have PE.
- **When students arrive at the Academy, they need to make their way to the Sports Hall to be registered.**

School Meals

- From Monday 15th March we will re-open the school kitchen and provide hot food. Prior to this date we ask that parents/carers provide a packed lunch for children who would normally use this service.
- We will issue vouchers up to the 15th March for students who have Free School meals, so these students need to bring in their own packed lunch too.

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Face Masks in School

The Government have now recommended that face masks are to be worn in lessons, as well as in corridors and social spaces. Face shields cannot be worn as a substitute for a mask. Parents must provide face masks/coverings for students, and we now advise parents to pack a spare mask, in case this is needed during the day. Please could you e-mail Mrs Edlin at becky.edlin@cyac.org.uk if your child is exempt from wearing a face mask. Obviously, students will be allowed to remove their masks outside at break and lunch when eating/drinking, or during the day when drinking.

I know there will be mixed feelings, questions and concerns about the restart. I also know that there will be hopefulness and a real sense of optimism too. As Headteacher, I am confident that we can safely manage this return. I can also reassure that I will not deviate from our cautious and safe approach in all that we do.

Thank you so much for your continued support. Up until the point of full return, all remote lessons will continue. I simply cannot thank you enough for all you have done, throughout this and all previous lockdowns, to ensure that your children have continued with their learning at home. I know that this has not been easy for you, for students or for staff, but our togetherness and mutual support has seen us through these difficult times.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Academy if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully



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