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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well. This letter follows the recent announcement from the Prime Minister that all schools will re-open to students from March 8th.

One significant change in the new government guidance is the recommendation that students should, for a limited time, be instructed to wear face coverings in the classroom. We will be following this revised recommendation at the Academy, as we cannot maintain social distance between students in most classrooms. As the government guidance states, this recommendation will be reviewed nationally at Easter and we will, likewise, review this as a school in preparation for the start of the summer term. We are taking this additional precautionary measure for a limited time to continue to support the reduction in transmission of COVID 19. Therefore, on return to the academy from March 8th, all students must wear a face covering until Easter. As with all measures, we will keep this under review.

Due to the requirement for schools to conduct three Covid-19 tests with consenting students within 2 weeks of their return to school, the return of all students to the academy will be staggered and not all students will return on Monday 8th March itself. Remote Learning will continue until year groups have returned to face-to-face teaching. We are currently assembling those plans and further details of arrangements for testing and specific dates for students to return will be issued in due course.

I would be grateful if parents/carers planning on providing consent for their child(ren) to be tested at the academy could complete and return the Consent Form as soon as possible, to assist with the organisation of our Testing Centre. I would politely request that any parent/carer planning to consent for their child(ren) to be tested complete and return the Consent Form by Wednesday 3rd March at the latest. Forms are in an accompanying attachment to this letter and should be returned to admin@houghtonregisacademy.org

Can I thank you once again for your ongoing support in these challenging times and we look forward to welcoming students back from Monday 8th March.

With best wishes

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