



# HOUGHTON REGIS ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well. Following on from my letter last week, I write to you today to outline our plan for the wider re-opening of the academy to all students from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We have decided to adopt a staggered approach to ensure that students can be tested and return safely, whilst at the same time attempting to minimise further disruption to learning. Listed below are the plans for each individual year group:

## **Year 9**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Only students who have returned the test consent form should attend the academy to complete a COVID test and then return home. Students with surnames A – M should attend site at 8.45am, students with surnames N – Z should attend site at 12.15pm. Students should line up in their external zone, the main playground. All work on this day for Year 9 students will be available to access from the website only and students can complete this in any order. There will be no live online teaching on this day due to testing taking place.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March: All Year 9 students return to site at 8.30am to follow normal taught lessons unless they have returned a positive COVID test, in which case they will need to self-isolate following government guidance.

## **Year 8**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Students should not attend site and will continue with live online lessons using their academy provided laptop following their normal timetable.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March: Only students who have returned test consent forms should attend the academy to complete a COVID test and then return home. Students with surnames A – M should attend site at 8.45am, students with surnames N – Z should attend site at 12.15pm. Students should line up in their external zone, the playground. All work on this day for Year 8 students will be available to access from the website only and students can complete this in any order. There will be no live online teaching on this day due to testing taking place.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March: All Year 8 students return to site at 8.30am to follow normal taught lessons unless they have returned a positive COVID test, in which case they will need to self-isolate following government guidance.

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## **Year 7**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Students should not attend site and will continue with live online lessons using their academy provided laptop following their normal timetable.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March: Students should not attend site and will continue with live online lessons using their academy provided laptop following their normal timetable.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March: Only students who have returned test consent forms should attend the academy to complete a COVID test and then return home. Students with surnames A – M should attend site at 8.45am, students with surnames N – Z should attend site at 12.15pm. Students should line up in their external zone, the quad. All work on this day for Year 7 students will be available to access from the website only and students can complete this in any order. There will be no live online teaching on this day due to testing taking place.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March: All Year 7 students return to site at 8.30am to follow normal taught lessons unless they have returned a positive COVID test, in which case they will need to self-isolate following government guidance.

### **Students currently on site**

A small number of students across each year group are currently on site, these students should continue to attend site as normal and will follow the program for their respective year group outlined in this letter. On test days, students will return to their zoned classroom and will remain on site until 3.10pm.

### **Repeated testing**

Following the first round of testing, the academy will then provide a further two tests for each student providing consent has been obtained. Each test will be between 3 – 5 days apart as per the following:

Year 9; Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 8; Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 7; Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March

The timings of these tests are to be confirmed. After the final test conducted by the academy, each student is required to conduct a further two tests at home, the academy will provide these tests.

### **Wearing of face masks**

When students return to the academy during week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March a face mask must be worn indoors, this includes in the classroom. We are following government guidance in making this decision as we can't maintain a two-meter social distance between students in each classroom. Please note that the mask must be plain, no logos or motifs, and must be worn appropriately to cover the nose and mouth. Face masks are the responsibility of the wearer and are not to be shared or given to another party. Face masks must be worn until the end of term at which point this will be reviewed nationally by the government. If students refuse to wear a face mask, you will be contacted and students may be sent home.

Some individuals are exempt from wearing a face mask, this applies to those that cannot put on, remove or wear a mask due to a physical or mental illness, impairment or disability. If you think your child is exempt from wearing a face mask, please email your child's Head of Key Stage, Mr Grover with the relevant information.

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

With best wishes



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