

5 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Reopening of school from Monday 8 March 2021**

I am very pleased to be writing to you with further information about the reopening of Outwood Normanby from Monday 8 March. We are of course excited to be welcoming our tremendous young people back into the building to continue their learning face to face after several weeks of remote live lessons.

#### Return of students to school - start day and time of arrival

All students will return to school next week, following the plan below:

- Year 11 - Monday 8 March onwards, arriving at 8.20am each morning
- Year 10 - Tuesday 9 March onwards, arriving at 8.15am each morning
- Year 9 - Wednesday 10 March onwards, arriving at 8.10am each morning
- Year 8 - Thursday 11 March onwards, arriving at 8.05am each morning
- Year 7 - Thursday 11 March onwards, arriving at 8.00am each morning

Access to the provision in school for the children of key workers and vulnerable students will remain unchanged during this week.

We will continue to dismiss students from lessons from 2.30pm onwards in year group bubbles so we ask for your patience at the end of the day, particularly if you have come to collect your child by remaining in your car in the usual allocated spaces.

#### Lessons and tutor time for students at home until their year group returns

There will be an online live tutor period at 8.25am for students each day until their year group has returned to school on the date above. Lessons for students learning at home will not have a live element and students will access learning resources in the appropriate Google classroom.

#### Testing

Thank you for your support with our Covid-19 testing arrangements this week which support our carefully planned safe return to school. Further details of how Covid-19 testing will continue next week as students return to school are available on our website <https://www.normanby.outwood.com/blog/news/4501>. Please note that all students should return from Monday on their correct year group day, regardless of whether they have already taken part in the academy's testing programme or not.

### Face masks

The government has revised the guidance around the wearing of masks in secondary schools so that masks will be worn inside the building whenever social distancing cannot be maintained, including within classrooms, which will be the case at Normanby. There will be a limited number of exceptions such as those who are medically exempt and for practical reasons such as when seated in the dining area to eat, or during PE lessons. Please could I ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child has a face mask or covering when they attend school each day. Your help with this prior to lockdown was critical.

### Uniform and equipment

Students will return in full uniform, with their school planner and a bag to carry essential school equipment such as a pencil case (containing a pen, pencil and ruler) and PE kit. Full details of our uniform policy are available on our website at: [www.normanby.outwood.com/uniform](http://www.normanby.outwood.com/uniform) If you would welcome some additional support or further details please contact our staff team via our main reception at [enquiries@normanby.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@normanby.outwood.com)

### Catering

Our catering provision will be in place as normal from Monday. Please could you ensure that your child has access to money to purchase lunch using ParentPay. Students who have returned with their year group, and who are eligible, will receive free school meals as normal. Arrangements for packed lunch hampers have been shared with the parents and carers of those eligible for free school meals for the days before their year group returns. Parents who have confirmed will be texted to inform them about collection arrangements later today.

Thank you for your ongoing support of all that we do, it is always greatly appreciated and never taken for granted.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Wappat  
Principal