

23 February 2021

## Return to School

Dear Parents & Carers,

I'm delighted to confirm that all KAA students will be returning to school the week beginning 8th March. Attendance will be a compulsory legal requirement, as it was prior to this lockdown. This is fabulous news and we can't wait to have everyone back.

Between now and then, students **must keep going with remote learning**. This will put them in the strongest possible position for when school returns. Students **must not miss online lessons** as it will create gaps in their understanding.

Students will return in a staggered way the week beginning Monday 8th March, with different year groups starting on different days. **This will allow everyone to be tested for Covid before they return to class**. We aim to get testing completed as quickly as possible, but will need parents' and students' cooperation for this. From Monday 15th March at the latest, all students will be back and lessons and we will be operating a full timetable.

Please note that **testing is designed to pick up asymptomatic cases** – any student with symptoms should not attend school and instead should isolate and get tested via the NHS. Students will be offered three tests in total between 8th March and 20th March, which will provide a thorough screening. After that, students will be provided with two home tests to complete each week. Even where students test negative, they should remain cautious and follow good social distancing rules. Also please note that masks will be worn in all indoor areas until Easter.

Many of you are already familiar with school testing, however for others I appreciate this might be new information. **I can reassure you that it really is a very simple and easy process, and after your child has done it once or twice they will be comfortable with it.**

If you haven't seen it yet, please take a few minutes to watch this short informational video about KAA testing, preferably with your child alongside you: <https://youtu.be/UkK6FRzIWQw>

Once you have watched it, please take a moment to complete this short consent form (ignore if you have done this already): <https://forms.gle/bU74KNLequEavpvH8>

I am extremely grateful to all KAA parents for their support during this lockdown – it means a great deal. Please continue to help us by making sure your child completes all online lessons, by giving us your consent for testing, and by reminding your child to attend on time when school restarts.

With best wishes,



**David Benson**  
Principal