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2nd March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope that this letter finds you all well at this time.

I am delighted to write to you again about our arrangements for welcoming back our students from Monday 8th March. As said in my previous letter the students will return in a staggered order from Monday to Friday. When not in school your children will be working online. Below is a summary of that approach by year group:

	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Mon 8th	Online	Online	Online	Online	Induction	In school	In school
Tue 9th	Online	Online	Online	Induction	In school	In school	In school
Wed 10th	Induction	Online	Online	In school	In school	In school	In school
Thu 11th	In school	Induction	Online	In school	In school	In school	In school
Fri 12th	In school	In school	Induction	In school	In school	In school	In school

On the students' first day in school they will follow a programme of induction for the first three lessons of their day. They will complete activities for PSHE, wellbeing and our safety arrangements in their tutor group bubble. They will then get back to their normal timetable.

During this induction time, we shall also be running our lateral flow testing programme for students who have opted to take this test.

Busses will operate as normal for those that use them.

Health and safety:

I am sure you will all support me in our COVID safety arrangements. These are the same as they were prior to the Christmas break. Students will be taught in year group bubbles and will spend all their time in those bubbles. We are following full Government guidance at all times.

Year 7 – EHB (Entrance/Exit Community)

Year 8 – Communications (Exit/Entrance Main)

Year 9 – MIT (Exit/Entrance Front ramp and side door)



Year 10 – AMI/Science (AMI Entrance/Exit Front ramp and side door, Science Exit/Entry Community)

Year 11 – Science/AMI (Science exit/Entry Community, AMI Exit/Entry Front ramp and side door)

Year 12 and 13 - 6th Form block. (Exit/Entry Main)

Break and lunch will be in the bubble areas with students either bringing packed lunches or purchasing food on site.

Masks/face coverings:

In our risk assessment for safe opening we have always had students and staff wearing masks in all communal areas and upon entrance and exit to site. During the Christmas term this certainly paid off as we have had one of the lowest COVID infection rates in the area, which has meant we did not close any bubbles. This will not change as students come back.

However following the very latest guidance we would like to ask all students, unless they have a particular medical condition not to, to wear masks in class too. This is not mandatory but the evidence suggests that masks do help slow down transmission and as students sit under the 2m threshold it is more than advisable to wear them. I would like to appeal to you to support this view as the more students that wear masks the far lesser chance the spread of COVID at KSA. This of course means more uninterrupted education for our students. I see we are on the home straight now and would hope that with these precautions all students can stay in school where they belong.

If a student is unable to wear a mask for medical reasons please contact Nicola Heighton our EWO nheighton@ketteringscienceacademy.org and a pass will be arranged. If your child already has a pass from December then continue to use that.

Standards and expectations:

All our students have had the very best online learning programme that we could offer since January. Our staff have worked hard to deliver this and I have been really grateful for all parents and carers support in helping the students to access this at home. I am really pleased though that, from next week, our students will again access face to face teaching.

As KSA gears up to normal operations from the 8th I would just like to remind everyone of the following points:

- Full school uniform for all students as stated in the Uniform Policy. This now includes a mask or face covering until further notice
- Personal swipe card
- A sturdy bag to carry books and PE kit to and from school (lockers are not being used)
- All necessary stationary and equipment to carry out studies/work
- Packed lunch or card topped up to purchase food at school
- Snack for morning break if desired. This can include water and juice but no fizzy or energy drinks
- It is helpful if your student has their own hand sanitiser, tissues and a supply of water
- A positive attitude to learning in all lessons.

Attendance is compulsory from the day of arrival next week. The only reasons not to attend school are:

- Symptoms of COVID
- A positive COVID test
- Live with someone who has symptoms or who have tested COVID positive

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- Are a close contact of someone who has tested COVID positive
- Extremely clinically vulnerable as advised by the NHS. (School would need a copy of the letter)
- The normal reasons of medical appointments, illness etc., as previously.

Behaviour in school must be the best it can be. This is a time of anxiety and worry and all students must play their part in keeping the KSA community safe and working as effectively as possible. I would expect all students to follow the distancing rules when moving around and particularly when interacting with staff. This of course includes the deployment of masks.

Testing:

Between the 8th of March and 26th March we will be conducting lateral flow tests as advised in school. Those students who have opted to take these tests will be tested a total of three times in school and will then be put on a programme of home testing. Many parents have already indicated they would like to take part in this programme. If you have not yet agreed to this and wish to, please contact us on:

enquires@ketteringscienceacademy.org

Communication:

I realise that through this last year all our students and their parents have been through a very difficult time. I do hope that our safety record and COVID risk assessment which can be found on the website <http://www.ketteringscienceacademy.org/site/data/files/201617/7B808E9EDAEE1F6241DEC9ABC8C587F9.pdf> will reassure you upon return to school.

However should you have any concerns or issues please contact your students' Head of Year if year group specific or if not one of the following:

Vice Principal Mark Taylor: Behaviour and attendance. mtaylor@ketteringscienceacademy.org

Vice Principal Claire Greaves: SEN and Inclusion and Safeguarding and Wellbeing.
cgreaves@ketteringscienceacademy.org

Vice Principal Kirsty Farrar: General concerns or complaints. kfarrar@ketteringscienceacademy.org

We hope that you have enjoyed the weekly Padlet that provides a wide range of information which we will continue to send each Friday until the end of term. Please continue to look at this each week.

We are looking forward to seeing students return to school next week, showing their Knowledge, Strength and Ambition in 'Being the best they can be'.

If you have any queries, please do get in touch. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



Mr A Segalini
Principal

