



1st March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to our letter dated 24th February outlining our re-opening plans from 8th March, please find below additional information regarding testing, and health and safety guidance.

Rapid LFD testing:

If you consent to your child being tested, please complete the online consent form by 4pm on Thursday 4th March 2021:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ye8ngOLtu06T9X6BmEOPiUum4xQQsLdGt0LwYeSd3q5UNUMyOU8xUEVPNENCWVUxTlk4N084VU5POSQIQCN0PWcu>. **Only students with a completed consent form will be tested. If you do not consent, please do not complete the form.**

In line with Government and NHS advice, anyone who has previously received a positive Covid-19 PCR test result should not be re-tested within 90 days of that test by LFD rapid test, unless they develop any new symptoms of COVID-19. Therefore, if your child has tested positive for Covid-19 within the last 90 days, please do not consent for testing at this point.

Following the on-site testing, we will be able to offer all students home-test kits and will provide more information about this in due course.

Face Coverings:

The Government has released the following guidance for schools:

Where pupils in year 7 (which would be children who were aged 11 on 31 August 2020) and above are educated, we recommend that face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.

Face coverings do not need to be worn by pupils when outdoors on the premises.

In addition, we now also recommend in those schools, that face coverings should be worn in classrooms or during activities unless social distancing can be maintained. This does not apply in situations where wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE lessons.

The safety and well-being of our students and staff is a priority and masks should be worn by staff and students in communal areas, including classrooms where social distancing can not take place.



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As always, we want to work with families and where students are exempt from wearing a mask, they will be provided with a lanyard to indicate that they do not need to wear a mask. If you believe your child should be exempt from wearing a mask, please contact your child's Head of Year using one of the following email addresses so that a lanyard can be provided for them on the day of their return.

year7team@avonbourneacademy.org.uk

year8team@avonbourneacademy.org.uk

year9team@avonbourneacademy.org.uk

year10team@avonbourneacademy.org.uk

year11team@avonbourneacademy.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming our students back next week.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Ingram', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Stuart Ingram
Principal