

Hayle Academy

23 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we were expecting, the Government has now confirmed that we will begin to re-open Hayle Academy from Monday 8th March. We are delighted that we will be able to welcome our students back to classrooms: both students and staff have really missed the face to face contact which, despite our best efforts, can never be fully matched by remote learning.

Having already drawn up provisional plans in preparation, we are now finalising the details in line with the Government guidance which was published on Monday. Please bear with us while we complete these final details; we will be able to share our full re-opening plans with families on Wednesday 24th February. Included in this information, I will confirm

1. The arrangements for the staggered return of students from Monday 8th March
2. The arrangements for testing students before they return to classrooms. To minimise the risk of transmission within the school, and the further disruption to learning this would inevitably cause, we would ask all parents, wherever possible, to consent to their child being tested and to support our testing programme
3. The arrangements to minimise the risk of transmission: in line with the amended Government guidance, this will include, for all members of the school community, wearing face masks in communal spaces and in classrooms, unless there is a genuine reason for an exemption.
4. The additional support and guidance that will be provided to students to ensure they can return confidently and successfully to school.
5. Who to contact if parents have any questions or concerns about their child's return to school

The aim of our staff team will be to make the return to on-site education a safe and happy experience for all members of our school community: for staff and children, returning to classrooms is an exciting and important step in returning our lives and communities to 'normality'. In the meantime, our remote learning provision continues, to ensure that students can continue with their studies until they are back in the classroom.

As always, the support and partnership of our families is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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