

Hayle Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from a successful first day in school, I wanted to write to you firstly to offer my thanks for all your support over the lockdown period, and secondly to provide you with some updates and reminders on the arrangements for students' return. As you will know, students are returning on a staggered start, with Year 7 and 11 in today, Years 9 and 10 on Wednesday and Year 8 on Thursday. Students have done an excellent job today of listening to teachers and supporting our Covid measures, and it has been a real pleasure to see them reconnecting with friends and engaging in learning.

I have been particularly impressed with students sensible approach to mask wearing, with students taking the increased use of masks in their stride. We hope this additional requirement will be temporary, and look forward to reviewing this measure in the run up to Easter. Alongside this, all student should now be wearing full school uniform and meeting expectations around appearance, including natural hair colour in one tone, minimal / natural makeup (if worn), and no visible piercings beyond a plain stud in each ear, and no other jewellery. For reference, attached to this message as a reminder are our uniform expectations. We really appreciate parents and carers support in helping our students meet these expectations, which are designed to help set high standards, expectations and self-respect in our school. We do appreciate that lockdown has placed financial challenges on many members of our community, and also that children may well have grown since Christmas! If you are facing any barriers with helping your child meet uniform requirements, please do get in touch, in the first instance with your child's Head of Key Stage.

Following on from my letter yesterday, a reminder that distribution of home test kits will be sent home with students from tomorrow. We are very grateful for parents and carers support with regular home testing as part of our package of safety measures. Students should be supported to undertake home testing twice weekly, ideally on Sunday and Wednesday, and should report results via NHS Test and Trace.

Yours faithfully,

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