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REF: Returning to City Academy in January

4th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We wish you a Happy New Year. We would like to confirm arrangements for your child returning to City Academy this week. The details remain the same as were shared with you before the Christmas holidays.

Returning to City Academy

There is a scheduled training day on **Tuesday 4th January 2022**. All students will be required to attend the academy for COVID Lateral Flow testing on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.

Testing will take place at Langley Walk for Years 7, 8 and 9. The times will be as follows:

Year 7: 9.00am – 10.30am

Year 8: 11.00am – 12.30pm

Year 9: 1.00pm – 2.30pm

Testing will take place at Newhall Street for Years 10 and 11. The times will be as follows:

Year 10: 9.00am – 11.00am

Year 11: 11:30am – 1.30pm

All students will return to the academy on **Thursday 6th January 2022, at 8.30am** where lessons will resume as normal.

Maintaining High Standards

We would like to remind parents and carers of the need to ensure students arrive at City Academy in the correct uniform and ready for learning. We have a clear, affordable uniform policy and set of suppliers, details of which can be found on the academy website.

It is every parent/carers' responsibility to ensure their child meets our high expectations, as outlined in our Behaviour Policy.

This includes making sure their child brings face coverings to wear at the academy whilst temporary restrictions are in place.

Safety Arrangements

We expect all students to attend the academy every day and bring a face covering to wear in communal spaces and classrooms. The latest updated guidance recommends the use of face masks in classrooms during learning.

In line with the latest guidance, any students identified by NHS Test and Trace (schools no longer are required to do contact tracing) as a contact of someone with COVID-19, must



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take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days and continue to attend as normal unless they have a positive test result. This should be completed at home, before they leave for school. They should not come into school if they have symptoms or have had a positive test result.

If this is the case, parents/carers are expected to call 0121 729 7100 and press Option 2 for Attendance, leaving a message if the line is busy. One of our team will return your call to confirm the absence. Communication is key to keeping our Academy as 'COVID-free' as possible.

We have reviewed our risk assessment and from Thursday 6th January 2022, students will return to their usual timetabled lessons, moving around the Academy's well-ventilated corridors in face coverings to stay as safe as possible. The Academy is as safe as can be: we have a clear Outbreak Management Plan on our website and review measures on a regular basis, communicating with our community clearly if we need to take any additional measures or put 'contingency plans' in place. Our Remote Learning Policy takes into account the latest national guidance.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to welcoming students back to City Academy this week for the start of the exciting new term ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Bakewell
Head of School

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