



THE THOMAS LORD AUDLEY SCHOOL

Part of The Sigma Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure you are aware the Prime Minister announced that schools can begin to reopen in the week beginning 8th March. I want to briefly update you with how our plans are progressing towards that week. We are now working through the updated guidance for schools, so that we can update our risk assessments, prepare for mass testing and we will be preparing a plan for students to return to school. Once finalised, I will provide full details, which are likely to include a staggered start, with different year groups returning on different days and/or at different times. This is so that we can successfully accommodate the testing that is required.

The infection prevention measures that we had in place will remain. This means that students will be kept in year group bubbles and only access dedicated areas of the school, the regular handwashing and hand sanitisation routines will continue and students will be required to socially distance from the staff. The new guidance requires students to wear masks in classrooms until at least the Easter holiday to further reduce the risk of spreading the virus. (Students who are exempt for medical reasons will not need to meet this requirement).

In an attempt to reopen schools as soon as possible, the Government has increased its requirements for schools to provide testing for staff and students. This means that we are expected to provide Covid test for each student when they return. To enable students to return to school as quickly as possible, I have attached all of the documentation about the testing and would ask that you complete the electronic consent form by clicking here:

Year 7

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNPjtVPLdPB1MUy-5Q6_7JJeUzAettNaeEJANJe9tGPwTmgA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Year 8

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLTwU0ZPp1OYk_bGVNuW01eL17nwP4u5525wX_l5FZcluxA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Year 9

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-TSvHHxBSaEdiV9-fnZlpVPPZz9yQWjefte-qSG43DIYyNw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Year 10

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnTqsjMdArnybGC_bAMpuLBJ1b1G1MdwcRcKcMo7rQBfr_Ug/viewform?usp=sf_link

Year 11

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If you have any questions or queries please email enquiries@tla.school.

Yours sincerely

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