

23rd February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday the Prime Minister confirmed that schools in England would re-open to students for face-to-face teaching from Monday 8th March. All of the staff at Axe Valley Academy are so excited about having all the students return and we can't wait to have them back in school.

Undoubtedly there will be a need for a phased return during that first week so that students can be lateral flow tested. We will publish more information about the testing programme and phased return arrangements in the coming days to ensure a safe return. The online consent form was sent out in January. This needs to be completed whether you give consent or not. A Parentmail will be sent only to parents and carers who have not already completed this form and this will need to be filled in as soon as possible.

We will take the opportunity over the next couple of days to plan for a safe return from the 8th March and intend to communicate all the information to parents and carers by the end of the week.

To confirm, all students that have been coming in to school during lockdown (key worker students, vulnerable and SEND students) will continue to attend up until this date.

I'm sure that there will be lots of questions over the next few days and we hope that these will be answered in my next information letter.

Once again I would like to reiterate that we can't wait to see students at some point during the week of 8^{th} March.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Laura Jenkins Headteacher

