

3 March 2021

Dear parent/carer

Re: Changes to our full reopening plans for Year 9 and Year 10 students

We have completed a further review of the re-opening plans detailed in the letter I sent on Monday 1 March 2021. To ensure we can maintain appropriate social distancing before students have their first on-site lateral flow COVID test, we need to make some changes to the arrangements for the return of Year 9 and Year 10. The plans published on Monday remain unchanged for all other year groups.

Year 10 changes

Year 10 will return to the Academy on Tuesday 9 March 2021 as planned but we need to further phase the time that students arrive on site:

- Year 10 students who travel to the Academy using public transport should arrive as planned at 8.40am and report to the Year 10 entrance gate.
- Students in Year 10 tutor groups 10.1 and 10.2 should arrive on site and report to the Year 10 gate at 12.30pm.
- Students in tutor groups 10.3, 10.4 and 10.5 should arrive on site via the Year 10 gate at 1.30pm.

The day will end at 3pm for all students.

Year 10 students should then return to the Academy, as normal, on Wednesday 10 March 2021 at 8.40am.

Year 9 changes

Year 9 will return to the Academy on Wednesday 10 March 2021, as planned, but we need to further phase the time that students arrive on site:

- Year 9 students who travel to the Academy using public transport should arrive as planned at 8.40am via the Year 9 entrance gate.
- Students in Year 9 tutor groups 9.1 and 9.2 should arrive on site via the Year 9 entrance gate at 12.30pm.
- Students in tutor groups 9.3, 9.4 and 9.5 should arrive on site via the Year 9 entrance gate at 1.30pm.

Again, the day will end for all students at 3pm.

Year 9 students should then return to the Academy, as normal, on Thursday March 2021 at 8.40am.

Students should only attend the Academy at the times stated above whether you have consented to the lateral flow test or not.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience these changes may cause, as we aim to further minimise 'close contact' risk to students before they have undergone their first lateral flow test. Please contact us on office@dukeries.atrust.org.uk if you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ged Rae', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Ged Rae
Principal