

1st March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

The reopening of schools from Monday 8 March 2021

Firstly, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support through the lockdown period and a huge well done to the students in what has been a challenging term. We are delighted to welcome students back to the academy from the 8 March.

In preparation for the return, this week planning is taking place, which does mean some disruption to live lessons, however quality Google Classroom work has been set and is available to all students. I appreciate your support with this.

This week we are also inviting students in for testing. You should have received a text outlining the date and an am or pm slot for your child, tests should take no longer than 20-30 minutes and will only be allocated to students where consent by a parent/carer is provided. In line with government guidance, it is advised for students to have a negative test before returning to the classroom. The test is voluntary, however, we are participating as a school and I would encourage all students and staff to take part as well. If you haven't already done so and now wish for your child to be tested please contact the school via enquiries@ormesby.outwood.com or by telephoning 01642 452191 and further information will be provided.

Year group return dates.

A staggered return by year group will take place from Monday 8 March 2021. Each year group will return on their set date and remain in the academy from date onwards as follows:-

Year Group	Date	Time	Entrance
Year 11	Monday 8th March	8.20am	Main gate
Year 10	Tuesday 9th March	8.15am	Main gate
Year 9	Wednesday 10th March	8.10am	Main gate
Year 8	Thursday 11th March	8.05am	Side of sports hall
Year 7	Thursday 11th March	8.00am	Side of sports hall

Our expectations of all students remain high; please could I ask that you take this opportunity before we return to check that your child is equipped for school with full uniform, school planner and a bag to carry school equipment such as a pencil case (containing a pen, pencil and ruler) and PE kit. If you require support or further details, please contact our staff team via our main reception at enquiries@ormesby.outwood.com.

As we are now a cashless academy, can you please also ensure your child's 'Parent Pay' account is sufficiently topped up online in advance via www.parentpay.com so they can access food at break and lunchtime.

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A risk assessment for the safe return of students has been revised and is available via our website www.outwood.ormesby.com. Our commitment to ensuring a safe environment for students and staff remains and all control measures will be in place. You will be aware that the government has revised the guidance around the wearing of masks in secondary schools so that masks will be worn inside the building whenever social distancing cannot be maintained, including within classrooms. There will be a limited number of exceptions such as those who are medically exempt and for practical reasons such as when seated in the dining area to eat, or during PE lessons. Please could I ask for your support in ensuring that your child has a mask when they attend school each day.

Once again, I am delighted to welcome students back to the academy. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your support. Please do continue to take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr T Urwin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr T Urwin

Principal.