

Reopening of Airedale Academy23rd February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. You will be aware following the Prime Minister's message yesterday evening that all students will return to school from March 8th. For secondary school students, the return to school will be in a phased manner over the week commencing March 8th in order to ensure that all students and staff have the opportunity to take up 3 Lateral Flow tests for Covid-19 on their return.

Airedale Academy students will be offered the opportunity to be tested on the day they return to school, as well as on two further occasions over the subsequent 10 calendar days. Lateral Flow Testing isn't compulsory, and students can return to school without being tested, but I would strongly encourage you to take up the offer for your child to be tested. Home testing is being introduced for secondary age students (11+). It is important that students are initially supervised whilst swabbing to make sure they are doing it correctly. This is why testing will initially take place on-site, as testing on-site initially is a condition of being able to transition students to test at home.

If you are happy for your child to be tested, please fill in the online consent form at the following link <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/4YN5C3/> one consent form is required per student. Please also read the privacy notice at the end of this letter. I wrote to you about Lateral Flow testing on January 7th, please can I refer you back to this letter on our website which should answer any questions that you might have. If you have any additional questions prior to giving consent, please contact our office.

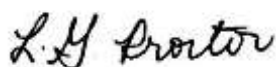
Testing will be offered free of charge. Please be reassured that we understand that this is a very personal decision and **no attempt will be made to test any student where consent has not been given.**

In order to plan for the return of our students during the week commencing 8th March, we need to know how many students will take part in the testing process. To this end, **please can I ask that you complete the above link, if you haven't already done so, should you wish for your child to take part in the testing by 3pm on Monday 1st March.**

I will write to you next week with further details of our plans for the return of students from Monday 8th March.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our students back into school!

Yours faithfully



Miss L Proctor
Principal