

Lincoln Castle Academy



24th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday evening the Prime Minister shared details of the roadmap out of lockdown, including plans for schools to fully reopen.

Nationally, primary schools will open on Monday 8th March, however secondary schools will stagger the return of students over the course of that week in order to test students on their return. Whilst our Test Centre continues to operate each day, it is more time consuming testing those unfamiliar with the process, as will be the case for the majority of students. Each year group will therefore be assigned a specific day for their return and they will begin with a test before resuming their education in school.

As previously communicated, we are working to ensure your child is supported to reintegrate into the academy successfully. By phasing each year group's return, we are able to ensure your child returns in a safe, supported and structured manner.

Parents/Carers should also be aware that Department for Education Guidance requires secondary schools to prioritise students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 in the first instance. However, all students will have returned to the academy by Friday 12th March. Attendance for all students (unless clinically extremely vulnerable) is mandatory from the designated day.

In the coming days we will finalise our plans and I will write to you again. In line with Government Guidance, we are working to further enhance our arrangements to protect students and staff with further details on the wearing of masks and enhanced controls to follow.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Laming
Headteacher