



Chestnut Grove Academy

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Dear Families,

I hope that you have all had a good half term. As I am sure you are aware, yesterday evening the Prime Minister announced the reopening of schools in England from Monday 8th March. I am delighted that we will be able to welcome students back into school for face to face learning next month and I am looking forward to seeing everyone again. It has been a long and difficult period for all of us since Christmas and it finally seems that we are moving in the right direction.

We are currently awaiting further guidance on how the return to school will be organised but we do know that all secondary students returning to school will be tested on site before returning to lessons in order to ensure that Covid transmission levels continue to be suppressed. In order to facilitate mass testing, secondary schools in England will be staggering the return of students over a period of at least a week. This means that whilst school will reopen from Monday 8th March, remote learning will continue for some students for most of the week commencing 8th March, possibly into the following week.

We are currently working on using the updated government guidance to review our risk assessment and put our final plans in place. My intention is to ensure that all students return to school as quickly and as safely as possible and I kindly ask for your patience whilst we make the necessary arrangements. By working together we will be able to maintain a safe return for staff and students. I will write again in due course with more detailed plans about your child's return to school.

In the meantime, it is vitally important that students continue to engage with their remote learning with the enthusiasm that has impressed us so much. This is not the time for any of us to drop our focus on learning.

A huge thank you to you all, once again, for all of your wonderful support and understanding of the challenging start to this term. We are all very excited and pleased at the prospect of having all of the children back on site. We will ensure that



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all students have the opportunity to readjust and settle back into school life. This will be a change for everyone as we regroup, reconnect and re-establish expectations. What we do promise is that we will make the return to school as enjoyable as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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