

To: Parents/Carers of all pupils
at Solihull Academy

Date: 26 February 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Reopening of School from Monday 8 March 2021

I am writing to confirm the tentative plans for re-opening of school on Monday 8 March 2021, pending Government guidelines as follows: -

Inset Day – Friday 5 March 2021

The school will be closed to all pupils on Friday 5 March in order to prepare staff and the school site for the reopening. We need to ensure that our lateral testing centre processes are reviewed as well as health and safety measures and risk assessments for the full return of students.

First Week Back – Monday 8 March 2021 - Friday 12 March 2021 (9:00 am – 1:00 pm daily)

As part of our phased return we will be inviting the following groups of students into school to ensure that all students are able to have a lateral test. This will also ensure that we can support our students to settle back into the school and the routines. To support students, we have shortened the school day and rearranged the school bus so that transport can still be provided.

School Timings	Date	Students in
9:00 am -1:00 pm	Monday 8 March	All Year 9 students Engineering Group (Year 11) Individually invited Year 10 students
9:00 am -1:00 pm	Tuesday 9 March	All Year 9 students All Year 10 students Individually invited Year 11 students
9:00 am -1:00 pm	Wednesday 10 March	All in
9:00 am -1:00 pm	Thursday 11 March	All in
9:00 am -1:00 pm	Friday 12 March	All in

Second Week Back – Monday 15 March 2021 - Friday 19 March 2021

From Monday 15 March 2021 the school timetable and day will run as normal. School will start at 9:00am and finish at 2:30pm. All transport will resume to support the normal school timings. Vocational provision will also resume from this date.

Lateral Flow Testing and Consent

If you have not yet returned your consent form for lateral flow testing, please can you return this at your earliest convenience. On-site COVID testing of students will continue twice weekly until otherwise specified by Government guidance.

Health and Safety / Masks

Just a reminder again that from Monday 8 March, *all students and staff must be wearing a facemask at all times on-site and on school transport.*

As this is a serious health and safety matter, this is **not negotiable** and students should bring and wear their own mask. Students arriving to the bus or school site claiming to be exempt without our prior knowledge will not be allowed into school until we are made aware by parents/carers.

Your child may be exempt from wearing a face mask because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability.

If your child is medically exempt from wearing a facemask they will be provided with a lanyard/bracelet which clearly states that they are not required to wear face coverings. This lanyard/bracelet must be worn at all times. Students who are not medically exempt to wear facemasks will be expected to wear them in all areas in school including; the school bus, corridors, classrooms, etc.

We appreciate these changes may have an impact on you and your family and it is not yet an ideal scenario, but we will keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you have any queries about your child's provision, any questions, or want to get in touch to share any concerns please email SEnquiries@sa.solihull.sch.uk.

Thank you in advance for all of your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Steinhaus', written in a cursive style.

Mr S Steinhaus
Principal