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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted that the Prime Minister has finally announced the Government's directives for the wider re-opening of schools from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. My staff and I are really looking forward to welcoming all our younger children back into our primary school together with all our students in our secondary school back into the classroom from the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

We completely understand that there may be some apprehension about the return for those children and families who have been working remotely but please be assured that the national guidelines to schools have been followed to the letter; every safeguard and COVID related precaution is in place to support our staff and students in order to get Armfield Academy fully re-open.

The support that has been shown by the whole school community during the lockdown period has been incredible. I know that together, working in partnership, our parents, staff, students and I will work tirelessly to get back into normal routines and general school life. Our main aim is to fully re-open Armfield Academy in the safest and the most positive way. We want all our families and carers to feel comfortable and completely reassured that we are continuing to follow all the latest government guidance to reduce risk and keep everyone safe.

Parents and carers will fully appreciate that the reopening of Armfield Academy following the nation's third and hopefully last national lockdown is complex. Armfield Academy is all-through school and the arrangements are different in both our primary school and our secondary school; this is a holding letter please note the following:

***Therefore, I have asked Mrs McKinnon, Head of Primary to write specifically to our Primary parents with the precise reopening details and FAQs relating to our Primary children.***

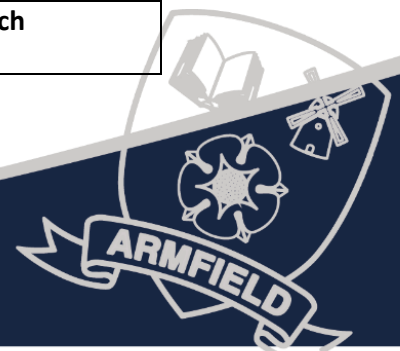
***Equally, I have asked Mr Hallam, Deputy Head Teacher to write to our Secondary parents with the precise arrangements for our Year 7, 8 and 9 students.***

***Both letters will be sent early next week to respective parents/carers.***

**For the sake of clarity please be advised of the following Armfield Academy reopening information from the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 as directed by the UK Government:**

**Parents/Carers please observe the day your child will be returning to school**

|                | Asymptomatic Testing                               | Return date                      |
|----------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Primary School | <b><i>Primary children are not Tested</i></b>      | Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March     |
| Year 9         | Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March<br>By Appointment     | Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March    |
| Year 8         | Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March<br>By Appointment    | Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March |
| Year 7         | Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March<br>By Appointment | Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March  |





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The asymptomatic testing of our secondary students should take no longer than an hour and will be done on a class by class basis throughout the designated day; this process will be carefully managed after which the students will be sent home. As shown above they will formally return to school the following day dependent upon a negative test.

Parents/Carers will acknowledge the logistics and complexities in getting this process right and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance of your support in this regard.

The children of Key Workers together with our vulnerable children will attend school as they have done previously throughout the lock down period.

Simply stated, Armfield Academy Primary school will be fully re-open on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 all our secondary students will have been tested and will be back in lessons in school.

Best wishes,

Mark Kilmurray  
Headteacher

