

12 February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Half term: 15th – 19th February 2021

Firstly, thank you for your ongoing support throughout this lockdown. As always, greatly appreciated. Although, times remain challenging, we have received some excellent work and online learning. It's been an absolute pleasure seeing pupils faces during our weekly assemblies and continuing the praise and reward for hard work and dedication.

We are notifying you that as from **Monday 22nd February**, our timetable structure will return to normal where **ALL** pupils will be expected on site for face to face teaching, unless shielding or isolating.

Either: Onsite 8:20-12:30 and Remote Directed Study on Google Classroom at 2-3pm

Or: Remote Directed Study on Google Classroom at 9-10am and Onsite 11:30-3:30pm

Where pupils are shielding or isolating, pupils will follow the Remote Learning timetable supported by the class teachers. May I remind Parents/Carers that attendance to both onsite face to face and Google Classroom Directed Study is paramount. Attendance continues to be recorded and monitored.

Pupils will be expected to wear full Academy uniform and adhere to the Code of Conduct when on site. It is essential that we continue to follow government guidelines; Hands, Face, Space in order to really make a significant difference in identifying and reducing learning gaps moving into the summer term. Face masks/coverings need to be worn in communal spaces and optional in classrooms. This applies to pupils and staff.

Lateral Flow testing will continue into Spring 2 where all pupils will be tested twice weekly. Parent/Carers will need to ensure consent has been given. Notification of all testing sites can be found on the Southend Borough Website. We strongly encourage all our pupils to get a test before they return on 22nd February 2021.

Finally, with the weather testing us further, the Academy will complete risk assessments prior to any decisions made regarding site closures and notifications will be available on the website/Twitter and parent mail. Please note that we have a very strong Remote Learning timetable offer which will come into use if such decisions need to be made. Should the snow continue to fall over the half term, we do hope you will be able to get out and enjoy it, but please stay safe!

If you have any questions or want to raise any of the above points, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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