

17th April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the Government's announcements, I have some updates that I wanted to share with you before we return on Monday 19th April.

The Government has confirmed that masks should continue to be worn in **classrooms** as well as all communal areas within the school building when pupils return after the Easter break. This will be reviewed at Step 3 of the government's roadmap which will be no earlier than Monday 17th May. It is currently expected that from this date face coverings will no longer be required in classrooms. We have been assured that we will be given a week's notice of any changes and of course, we will pass any information on to you as soon as we receive it. If you have contacted school because your child is exempt due to medical reasons, there is no need to contact us again. Please could I ask that you provide your child with a mask and remind them to bring it to school every day. We have a small number of masks available at the main school reception desk, should any pupil forget.

All other safety measures will remain in place, including regular asymptomatic testing for families, year group bubbles, increased hygiene, ventilated rooms, and social distancing must be maintained where possible. Our full risk assessment is available to view here: <https://www.arena-birmingham.academy/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/COVID-19-MARCH-2021-V1-FULL-RETURN-FINAL.pdf>

Thank you to all students who have continued with the twice weekly testing, we will be able to continue providing the test kits for pupils throughout the next half term. Please can I ask you to continue to log all test results. It is particularly important that all tests are carried out and recorded on Sunday 18th April before our return to school. To record test results, please click this link: <https://www.arena-birmingham.academy/home-covid-testing/>.

As we return for what is the final term of this exceptional school year, I hope that there are no further disruptions to your child's education. We look forward to seeing all students for the start of the Summer term on **Monday 19th April**, at their normal time – **Years 7 & 8 at 8:30am** and **Years 9, 10 and 11 at 9:00am**.

Yours sincerely



Mr R Mann
Headteacher