



# Aston Manor Academy

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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Dear parents/carers of Year 8 students,

Following on from Mrs Sweeney's letter dated Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, I would like to give you information on when your child will be required in school for asymptomatic testing and when your child will return to school for face-to-face teaching.

## Asymptomatic Testing

You will be receiving a text message and email with details of a Microsoft Form to complete, consenting to the asymptomatic testing of your child **3 times between 8<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March**. If you do not consent to this voluntary testing, please still complete the form choosing the 'no' option. Please can these forms be completed online no later than **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**.

We are confident in our testing process, having tested staff and vulnerable/key worker students regularly since January. Students needing support with being tested will be given that support by fully trained staff.

You will receive results via your nominated email / mobile number. It may take up to 24 hours to receive official notification from NHS Track and Trace. However, you will be notified immediately by the school if your child tests positive for Covid-19.

See below details of when students are required in school for their first test.

Date of testing: **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	
8.40	8A
9.00	8S
9.20	8T
10.00	8O
10.20	8N
10.40	8M

Students can attend school for testing in suitable, casual clothes - but must come wearing a face covering, be required to wash and sanitise their hands and social distance before, during and after the test. All students will enter the school **via the main entrance** and **exit via the 6<sup>th</sup> Form gate** on Phillips Street. After the test students should go straight home. Students will not be required back in school until Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March, when face-to-face classroom learning will resume. If you are not consenting, students do not need to attend school on the date above and return on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Parents are welcome to wait in cars for their child. Children should be in school for no more than 1 hour.





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## Remote Learning Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Due to staff training and testing, student testing and school being prepared for the return of students, there will be a mixture of work set on Firefly and live lessons on Microsoft Teams as part of their remote learning provision. Students will need to continue to follow their home learning timetable during this time. Please see below:

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March
Work set on Firefly	Work set on Firefly	Live lessons on Microsoft Teams (where available)	Live lessons on Microsoft Teams (where available)	Work set on Firefly

## Return to face-to-face teaching

All students will return to school on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March**.

Year 8 will enter school via the **Main Entrance (via Dance Studio) at 8.30am** and their school day will finish at **2.40pm**, exiting via the **Main Entrance (via Dance Studio)** due to it being a Thursday. All other days students will finish at **3.10pm**.

We are really excited about seeing all our young people in school again and hope the testing process will help reassure you about your child's safety in school. Mrs Sweeney will communicate further details of school re-opening towards the end of next week.

Yours sincerely,

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