



Dear Parent/Carer

The Government has announced that schools in England will officially re-open on 8 March and that attendance from this date is compulsory for all students. Please refer to Mr Price's letter on 1 March with regards to the dates and times for returning students.

We are all aware of the amount of time that young people have missed from school and the government guidance will make it compulsory for all students to attend, with the prospect of penalty fines being imposed should children not return.

It has been an incredibly difficult, not to mention challenging period for everyone and we are sure that your child is somewhat anxious about returning to school. Can we reassure you that the school remains a safe, supportive and encouraging environment for all of our students, and we will make every effort to ensure that your child's transition back into the Academy is as smooth as possible.

We are fully aware of the concerns you have regarding COVID 19. However we believe that stringent measures are in place in school, and we continue to put safety for all at the heart of our protocols. We are continuing to do all that we can to reduce the risks placed upon our students both during lessons, social times and upon arrival and departure from the Academy.

Our risk assessments are written in line with guidance from the Department for Education and Public Health England and are available in the Coronavirus news and information section on the Academy websites homepage; these have been ratified by the Ormiston Academies Trust.

We appreciate that the pandemic has made this a particularly difficult time for our young people, and if you feel that there are specific concerns or indeed any issues that prevent your son/daughter from attending school regularly please arrange to contact your child's Student Welfare Manager immediately.

In the meantime, we look forward to welcoming our students back to the Academy along with the prospect of working with you to ensure that your child achieves their full educational potential.

M Cadwallader

Assistant Principal Attendance and Behaviour