

23rd February 2021

**Parents and Carers
Of TQEA students**

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well and have had a safe, enjoyable half-term.

You will be aware that the Prime Minister has announced the ambition for schools to re-open for all pupils to return to face to face education from Monday March 8th. The government has also stated that all pupils will be expected to be offered Lateral Flow Covid tests on their return. **This will mean that academies have the flexibility to phase the return dates of pupils from March 8th and it is possible that not all pupils will necessarily return on that day.**

We are currently reviewing the government guidance and are formulating plans to ensure all pupils can return as safely as possible. It is likely that TQEA will adopt a phased return approach which will prioritise the return of examination groups. As soon as those plans are finalised we will share them with parents and carers. This is likely to be by the start of next week.

Parents/Carers can view the government guidance about the re-opening of schools here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/964120/210223_Parents_Guidance_vF.pdf

We are looking forward to welcoming your child on their return to TQEA and I want to thank all parents and carers for their continuing support during this challenging time for everyone.

Yours sincerely



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