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Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid 19 Update Thursday 4th of March 2021

I hope that you are staying safe and well.

We are all excited about welcoming our students back to school next week. All communications about this are on our website <https://www.cityofderbyacademy.org/information/covid-19/>

The timetable for your child returning to school is below.

Year Group	Test date	Return to school date
Year 10	Friday 5 th March	Monday 8 th March
Year 11	Monday 8 th March	Tuesday 9 th March
Year 7	Tuesday 9 th March	Wednesday 10 th March
Year 9	Wednesday 10 th March	Thursday 11 th March
Year 8	Thursday 11 th March	Friday 12 th March

Lateral Flow Tests

I would like to thank those families who have committed to their child receiving Lateral Flow Tests in school. The response has been amazing! I also want to encourage all other students to sign up and receive a test. The benefits of more students receiving Lateral Flow tests are obvious. The link to the consent form is below:

[Consent form for COVID-19 testing at the City of Derby Academy](#)

Just as a reminder, students do not need to wear uniform when they receive their first test. The first test will be on the day before students are due to return to school.

Home Testing Kits for families

Staff and students will be completing home testing in the near future. This is a genuine commitment from the government to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. The more people in society who know if they have the virus is important in fighting the virus. Here is the guidance and links if families would like to start home testing.

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of a member of teaching staff or a pupil you can get twice-weekly home testing kits. You can access these tests :-

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site [COVID Test Finder \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](https://test-and-trace.nhs.uk)
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site [COVID Test Finder \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](https://test-and-trace.nhs.uk)
- by ordering a home test kit online [Schools testing: Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow home test kits - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

'What if' Guide

I have included a very useful guide for parents. This guide covers what to do if

- Your child or a member of the household tests positive for CV19
- Your child or a member of the household shows symptoms of CV19
- You are due to travel out of the country

[COVID School Guide for Parents](#)

The guide has also been translated to a number of languages, please follow the links below:

[Arabic - COVID school and EYS Guide for Parents](#)

[Czech - COVID School and EYS Guide for Parents](#)

[Latvian - COVID School and EYS Guide for Parents](#)

[Polish - COVID School and EYS Guide for Parents](#)

[Slovak - COVID School and EYS Guide for Parents](#)

[Urdu - COVID School and EYS Guide for Parents](#)

Kind Regards

Phil Smith

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Proud Headteacher