



SKEGNESS ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to say a huge thank you for everything you are doing to support your child, whatever your circumstances and hope that you have found the reciprocated support from the school to be useful and helpful. I am aware you receive a lot of communication from us and whilst trying to minimise this, need to ensure you are kept up to date.

As you will have undoubtedly seen from the media, schools are not due to reopen full until 8 March 2021 at the earliest. The Government guidance remains clear that upon their return we should test students twice (3-5 days apart) using the lateral flow devices. However we will require your consent before this can happen and we will be sending a link to the consent form to you in the near future. We have been successfully testing staff and students attending our on-site provision for the last few weeks and this has enabled us to add an additional layer reassurance that students and staff have not been exposed to asymptomatic cases. As soon as we have more information on this I will keep you updated. Please continue to check our Facebook and Twitter pages as these platforms are becoming a major part of our communication.

We have had some feedback on our trial of suspending period 5 from parents and staff. Some have been grateful for the additional hour each week to step away from the screen and get outside; however others have raised concerns about missing lessons, especially those which only happen during period 5.

In response to this we have decided to make a change to our timetabled day. Starting on Monday 22 February 2021, periods 1 to 4 will carry on at their usual times and lunch will be from 1.00 pm until 1.30pm. There will no longer be a tutor period so that period 5 can start at 1.30pm for a maximum of 45 minutes. This will allow pupils and staff the chance to be away from their screen and go outside during daylight from 2.15 pm every day.

Some of these lessons will be live lessons, others will be given over to students to complete set assignments or activities online such as GCSE Pod or Mathswatch. Teachers will make it clear in the class Team Channel what is expected of students and whether the teacher will be present for the full 45 minutes. Staff may use this time to make tutor calls and not be in the live lesson for example.

As always, if you have any queries, please contact closure@skegnessacademy.org or contact us via phone on the number above.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Johnson
Principal

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