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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you so much for supporting the school and your children by ensuring that they have participated in the live lessons and completed the online learning. The standard of work produced has been remarkable and I am so proud of the progress that the students have made, with your support.

You will have heard in the news and from the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, that schools are to open for all students, in the week beginning 8th March. Secondary schools have been asked to consider the safest and most appropriate ways to reopen but are asked to have with all students back to school by Friday 12th March. I am mindful that students have missed a considerable chunk of classroom teaching and I want to ensure that the reopening of the school is as safe as possible. I am therefore going to use a staggered approach for reopening across the week. This will allow us to run the rapid flow testing programme, for students whose parents have given consent and to hold assemblies and extra form tutor sessions to ensure that the social distancing expectations are understood and that students feel safe.

The dates for the return of each year group are below:

Date (Normal 8.30am start)	Returning Year Groups
Monday 8 th March	Years 13 and 11
Tuesday 9 th March	Years 12 and 7
Wednesday 10 th March	Year 10
Thursday 11 th March	Year 8
Friday 12 th March	Year 9

Once a year group has returned, they will continue to attend school for the rest of the term unless a bubble is closed due to a positive case. If we do get any positive cases, whether tested in school or outside, we will need to send the students in the same bubble, home for ten days of self-isolation.

Sanitising routines – Students need to sanitise their hands before entering the building. They will also have their temperature taken.

Zones – The school will remain split in to zones so that year groups do not mix. This enables us to keep bubbles small so that, if there is a positive case, we send as few students home as possible to self-isolate.

Blazers – The guidance for students not to wear blazers is no longer in place so all students will now need to attend school in the full uniform.

Masks – You will have heard that the rest of the country are now moving to the position that we have been in since September and all students are to wear masks in school, including in the classroom. There are opportunities during breaks, to remove them whilst outside. We are asking you to ensure that students arrive at school wearing a mask.

Testing – Rapid flow testing will take place in school, according to guidance. We will resend the consent forms which were sent before Christmas. Please return these as soon as possible, if you consent to your child being tested in school.

Bubble closures – The vast majority of bubble closures which have happened in our school since September, have been due to parents sending their children in to school having had a test and not yet received the results or sending children in to school with symptoms. Please support us by not sending children in to school if they have been tested and not received their result, been tested positive, live in a house where someone has tested positive, or if they are showing any symptoms. By doing so, we may have to send many children home and this will negatively impact on their education.

I will write again next week to give further details of the reopening of the school. The website will also be updated with further information. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's House Manager, Form Tutor or email: admin@northliverpoolacademy.co.uk



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