

**2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022**

**Re: Returning To JQA on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are continuing to enjoy precious time together over the holidays. I'd like to confirm arrangements for your child returning to JQA on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. These details were featured in the latest edition of our newsletter which you can find on our new website.

### **Maintaining The Highest Standards**

I would like to also remind parents and carers of the need to ensure students arrive at JQA 'smartly -dressed and ready for learning.' We have a clear, affordable uniform policy and set of suppliers and you can find this information here: <https://www.corejewelleryquarter.academy/school-life/uniform-equipment/>

It is every parent/carers' responsibility to ensure their child meets our high expectations, as outlined in our clear [Code of Conduct and Family Handbook](#).

**This includes making sure their child brings face coverings to wear at the Academy whilst temporary restrictions are still enforced.**

### **Returning To JQA**

There is a scheduled staff training day on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**All students are expected to return to JQA on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

Students return in a staggered way on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January and take a lateral flow test on site in our 'Seacole Centre' before returning to face-to-face teaching in a classroom. This will mean students arriving at specific times and spending time socialising and playing sport as tests are conducted.

**Year 7:** arrive between 8.15-8.25 (free breakfast will be available) via Pope St Entrance and test from 8.15 with lessons starting at 9.00, having lunch at the usual time in the Kitchen.

**Year 9:** arrive between 9.15-9.25 (free breakfast will be available) via Pope St Entrance and test from 9.15, going to lessons at 10.25, having lunch at the usual time in the Hatch.

**Year 8:** arrive between 10.15-10.25 (via Equiano Entrance on Albion St) and test from 10.15 and go to lessons at 11.25, having lunch at the usual time in the Hatch.

**Year 10:** arrive between 11.15 –11.25 via Pope St Entrance and test from 11.15 and go to lessons at 12.25, having lunch at the usual time in the Kitchen.

**Year 11:** arrive between 12.15—12.25 via Pope St Entrance and test then get lunch from 12.15 in the Kitchen, going to lessons from 13.10.

We must stress that students **MUST** arrive within the time window. Students arriving outside the time window will not be admitted until their own time window, including siblings. Parents and carers are expected to make arrangements for their child(ren) to arrive within these strict windows.

Students will be spending the day with their form tutor to do a series of Personal Development activities to ensure they are 'Ready' for the term ahead. This will focus on how they will invest in themselves and their future in 2022.

### **Safety Arrangements**

We expect all students to attend the Academy every day and **bring a face covering to wear in communal spaces and classrooms.** In line with the latest guidance, any students identified by NHS Test and Trace (schools no longer are required to do contact tracing) as a contact of someone with COVID-19 must take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days and continue to attend as normal, unless they have a positive test result. This should be completed at home, before they leave for school. They should not come into school if they have symptoms or have had a positive test result.

If this is the case, parents/carers are expected to call 0121 729 7220 and press Option 2 for the Attendance Officer ([zsparg@corejewelleryquarter.academy](mailto:zsparg@corejewelleryquarter.academy)) leaving a message if the line is busy. Communication is key to keeping our Academy as 'covid-free' as possible.

I have reviewed our thorough risk assessment and from Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022, all students will enter the Academy via the Pope St entrance between 8.15 and 8.35 where uniform (including face coverings) will be checked thoroughly by me and my senior team. This relieves some congestion in the indoor reception area. On Thursday, students will return to their usual timetabled lessons, moving around the Academy's well-ventilated corridors in face coverings to stay as safe as possible. The Academy is as safe as can be: we have a clear [Outbreak Management Plan on our website](#) and review measures on a regular basis, communicating with our community clearly if we need to take any additional measures or put 'contingency plans' in place. Our [Remote Learning Policy](#) has been updated to take into account the latest national guidance.

From next term, I would like to communicate with all parents/carers on a weekly basis in my 'Headteacher's Blog' which will be sent via email so please ensure you have provided an up-to-date email address to our Reception team.

We look forward to welcoming our wonderful students back to JQA in January for the start of an exciting new term ahead.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr J Barton** - Head of School