



The Astley Cooper School

Part of the East Dacorum Co-operative Learning Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Headteacher: Edward Gaynor

Return to school - January 2021

I hope that you and your family are well and managed to celebrate Christmas despite the restrictions.

Yesterday afternoon, the Government announced a delay to the return of students in secondary schools to enable schools to prepare for the introduction of mass testing.

At Astley Cooper, this means:

Monday 4 January is an INSET day for staff

Tuesday 5 January - vulnerable students and the children of key workers return to school, in full uniform, for face-to-face education

Key workers whose children are eligible to attend school will have contacted Mr Daddow as outlined in my letter of 18 December and will have received confirmation by e-mail of their place. Heads of Year have contacted all students who meet the Government definition of vulnerable to invite them in

Students should come in at their normal staggered start time, e.g. Year 7 at 8.30, Year 9 at 8.45 and go to their appropriate bubble

We will prioritise remote learning for Year 11 and Year 13; all other year groups will be on remote learning as resources permit

ACS Home Learning Survey <https://forms.gle/kSXcixd9fZyifWjq6> – if you have not completed this survey – sent out on the last day of term – please do so by Monday 4 January.

The school will prepare to set up a testing programme

Monday 11 January

Students in Years 11 and 13 return to school

Remote learning will continue for all other year groups





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Monday 18 January

All year groups return to school at their normal staggered start times

When students return, as per Government guidelines, they must have a face mask to wear in communal areas. Students will not be allowed on the school site without a face mask.

We are sorry not to be able to open the school as planned next week but clearly this decision was taken to prevent a further rapid spread of the virus.

I will be in touch again next week when we have further details of the testing programme. In the meantime, I wish you and your families well for the New Year - a year that we all hope will bring changes for the better.

Yours sincerely,

Mr E Gaynor
Headteacher

