



## CENTRE ACADEMY EAST ANGLIA

12 March 2021

Dear Parents,

Everyone here has been looking forward to Centre Academy's return to "normalcy"—and at the end of this week, we are half-way there. The rest of the students will return on Monday and all of our colleagues will undoubtedly give this returning group a very warm welcome. We might add that despite the many challenges that our students and, indeed, our staff and our parent community have faced, most of our student body appears to have weathered the storm reasonably well. This is a testimony to the efforts that Centre Academy as a whole has made, and in this light, we do want to thank all our parents for the support and help that they provided.

We would ask that if any parents find that their child is having significant difficulties in returning to school and the challenges that this involves, please let the appropriate tutor or teacher know. We are also very happy to discuss any difficulties with any and all parents, so don't be a stranger!

Very Important: we do want to ask for your help with the key Covid-related responsibilities, bearing in mind that children have been at home for a length of time (as you will, indeed, know!). Accordingly, please reiterate the importance of social distancing, hand sanitation and, especially, wearing of the mask.

During the last week, the government, individual MPs, the DfE, and virtually every union have repeatedly emphasised the major importance of the mask. In large measure, the theme has been that a person wearing a mask is helping protect other people; it is, as one group recently noted, a major aspect of the individual's responsibility not only for himself/herself but also for the collective good. In this light, we would be most appreciative if all parents—and particularly those whose children will be returning to school on Monday, 15 March—would reinforce the importance of the mask.

In a similar vein, the Covid testing that we have been engaged in over the last week has been distinguished by the children's cooperation. They have been very serious in their efforts to work with our staff in the testing procedures, and again, we are appreciative of the support that our parent community has extended with the testing.

Please also note that, by law, we will be sending out Covid home testing kits to all parents shortly and will be in touch regarding all directions etc.

AND FINALLY—AND ON A VERY DIFFERENT AND WONDERFUL TOPIC—PLEASE SEE ATTACHED THE INFORMATION ON RED NOSE DAY.

Well done to you all—and many thanks,

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Head of School

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Principal & CEO Centre Academy Schools