



Atlantic Academy Portland

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Dear Parent/Carer and Student

At the end of the first week back into the school building for all our students, I just wanted to thank you for all your support in enabling a safe and smooth wider opening of the school. Students have returned with energy and enthusiasm in what has been an incredibly positive and busy week; it has been a pleasure to see our entire student body back in full force for the first time since December. Routines of face-to-face lessons have been re-established whilst lunch and break times have seen our outdoor spaces full of happy students enjoying the company of their friends whilst they make the most of the fresh air and opportunities for activity. All of this has seen the normal rhythm of school life return and a real sense of belonging to the Atlantic community was felt this week which has been a pleasure to see.

PPEs 15th - 19th March

PPE assessments will take place this week and will mainly be used to **identify gaps in knowledge** and **allow teachers to adjust planning for the remainder of the school year**. For **Year 11**, in addition to support planning, these assessments will add to the portfolio of **evidence** that will be used to assign Centre Assessed Grades. To support revision for these PPEs, there will be no Knowledge Organiser homework from the 8th March until the end of the PPEs.

Reports to students

- **Monday 19th April - Year 11**

An Academic Mentoring Session (pm) will replace the postponed Progress evening. We will be sending out details to follow nearer the time. This event will be between mentor and mentee during the afternoon of this INSET day.

- **Thursday 22nd April - Year 10**

Reports will be distributed in tutor time ahead of the Virtual Parents Evening.

- **Thursday 22nd April Year 7-9**

Reports will be handed out in tutor time.

Rearranged Virtual Parents Evening

- **Thursday 22nd April - Year 10** - the Virtual Booking system will **go live Monday 22nd March** with further details to follow.
- **Thursday 29th April - Year 7** - the Virtual Booking system will **go live Monday 19th th April** with further details to follow.

Testing & Home testing Kits

We completed over 2,000 tests and all were negative. Pleasing though this is, it is crucial that none of us become complacent about the ongoing risks. Our considerable safety measures must continue to be adhered to, and we ask for your support in reminding your child about the important role they play in this. We have **now given** all students, who have been given consent, **2 home test kit** packs to support twice weekly home testing **for the next 3 weeks**. We have asked the students to carry out a home test every **Sunday** and **Wednesday** to support the school week.

Just to remind you that home testing kits are also **available for all family members** who live with a child attending a **secondary** school. This is available **to help detect potential community transmission** now that students are back at school and to limit how many students need to isolate should a student test positive. You can collect home test kits at a local collection point. Our local collection point is **Weymouth Swannery Car Park**. Anyone eighteen or over can collect and you do not need to make an appointment. You [can check online](#) to see if the location is busy to avoid long waiting times.



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Order home test kits online

If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, [you can order a home test kit online](#).

Positive test result

If anyone tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should **tell the school, self-isolate** immediately and **get a PCR test** to confirm the result. In addition, they must self isolate and follow the stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection. If you have any symptoms of coronavirus, please book in for a test at a local testing centre. A test centre is available on Portland twice a week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs L Bishop
Principal of Secondary