



# Atlantic Academy

*Part of the Launceston College Multi Academy Trust*

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Dear parents and carers

The Department of Education has announced this week that secondary schools will be offering mass Covid19 testing for staff and students, commencing in January 2021, to help control the spread of the virus and support students and staff remain in education. On Thursday 17th December, the DfE has also confirmed that schools will have a staggered return to on site teaching to support this initiative. Details of the arrangements have now been published, and we are currently reviewing these.

To support our planning, we invite parents to complete a **google survey (included in the email)**, to indicate which students will be returning to site when term commences on Tuesday 5th January. Eligible pupils include all Year 11 students, children of key workers and our priority pupils. School transport will run as normal for these pupils, as well as the provision of school meals on site.

For students not eligible to return to school, learning will be delivered online, via google classroom. Should students require to borrow a chrome book, we can arrange for students to take these home on Friday 18th December, or for them to be collected on Monday 4th January, when staff are on site for our planned INSET day. Please contact the school office to arrange this.

I understand this arrangement may cause difficulties or confusion for some families, please contact the school office for further advice. We have yet to determine how the mass testing will operate, and will communicate this with parents once known.

**Lynsey Slater**  
*Atlantic Academy Principal*

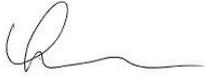
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May I take this opportunity to remind parents to use the email address [C19notify@atlantic.academy](mailto:C19notify@atlantic.academy) to report a positive case within our school community during the first 6 days of the school holidays. This email address will be monitored during the mornings of this period.

As this challenging year draws to a close, I thank you all for your support, and wish you all a relaxing break.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynsey Slater', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lynsey Slater  
Principal