

29th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to share changes to how the Academy will be structuring the learning for students following the Easter break. Following ratification by the Full Governing Board, it has been decided that current cases of Covid- 19 have reduced sufficiently, and we have sufficient additional measures that we are able to allow students to access all areas in school. It is our firm opinion that the educational and wellbeing benefits now far outweigh the additional risk to students and staff.

Movement model

All students will resume an 08:30 start time to their day and have a tutor period before Period 1. Students arriving early must remain in the year group social area or bubbled tutor area. To facilitate this tutor periods will remain in their current locations. Students will enter the school through the following entrances to support this:

Year group(s)	Entrance
7	Field gate
8 & 9	D block gate
10 & 11	Main gate

Students will now attend lessons roomed via our traditional timetable. This will be available online over the Easter break via e-Portal and students will be given an extended tutor period on their first day back to ensure they are comfortable with the changes. Year 7 will have a mini-transition session as part of these arrangements.

These changes will give students access to specialist resources and allow staff the ability to deliver the full curriculum. Year group 'bubbles' will now be maintained via:

- Attending lessons in year groups with rooms cleaned down between use.
- Break and lunch times in designated year group areas (these are similar to the current areas).
- Attending tutor in year group bubbles to support pastoral work.
- Separated food service points.
- One-way systems will operate in applicable areas.
- Students are to move promptly to lessons and will not to line up outside of classrooms.

Lessons will continue to end five minutes early in order for the class to be cleaned and for students to sanitise their hands. In addition to this, high use areas will receive extra cleaning throughout the day and classrooms that are not in use will receive additional cleaning where possible.

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Travel, Catering and Physical Education lessons

The school buses will all follow the early schedule but Years 8 & 9 will remain on separate minibuses to limit contact and reduce numbers.

Hot catering facilities will continue in separate areas for each year group to access. Unfortunately, there will still be no facilities for adding cash to students accounts on site and this will need to continue to be completed online in advance. We are extremely pleased to be reopening our Changing rooms for PE lessons and now have facility to clean them down between use. This will mean students should be dressed in full uniform at all time and bring correct PE kit to change into for lessons.

Uniform expectations

All students will be expected to return in full uniform each day from the beginning of the summer term. Full details of the uniform requirements can be found on our website [here](#).

Please note:

- Black trousers – no cord, jeans or leggings
- Plain black school shoes are to be worn. No boots, trainers or canvas
- School jumpers do not have to be worn at all times, however blazers must be worn every day.
- Students may only wear the following items of jewellery: A watch; A single chain with religious symbol hidden from view; Single studs in the ear lobe.
- Hairstyles should not be extreme in fashion with no unusual colours permitted.
- Year 11 students are permitted to wear discreet make up and clear or natural coloured nail varnish. Students in all other years are not permitted to wear make-up or nail varnish and will be asked to remove it.

Academy specific items such as blazers, ties, jumpers and PE shirts can be purchased from our online uniform shop accessed through the *ParentPay* website. We hope that with the reopening of non-essential shops from 12 April it should be possible to purchase all other items but are willing to support individual where this is proving difficult. As always, if a student is unable to be in full uniform for any reason, please communicate with their tutor via the contact book stating when the issue can be addressed.

Continued Covid-19 safety measures

Lateral flow (rapid result) testing

We have completed over two and a half thousand student tests with no positive results. Students who have completed three tests on site have been issued enough tests to test throughout the Easter break and guidance to test the day before their return. The Academy will continue contact tracing over the Easter break should there be a positive test case. As always, if you need to report a positive result please phone **01329 245551** 24 hours a day. If the phone call cannot be taken then please follow the voicemail instructions. This voicemail is remotely monitored and we will contact you as soon as possible to take further details and support.

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It remains essential that if your child is displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 they **do not attend school** and get a PCR (lab based) test without delay. Students displaying symptoms should not complete a Lateral Flow Test. Further NHS information on this can be found [here](#).

Face covering guidance

Even with lateral flow testing in place there is still the need to increase our in-school measures as this style of testing has proved not to be 100% effective. Due to this, and in line with the governmental guidance, we will be asking students and staff (except those who are exempt) to wear face coverings on site in **all areas** including classrooms. This excludes times when eating or drinking at break and lunch. We would also encourage the use of a face covering on the journey to and from school.

Face coverings must be used appropriately, covering the nose and mouth. They can be plain or patterned but must not display any offensive images or designs. Scarves and bandanas will not be appropriate as they do not fit securely around the side of the face. If a student attends school without a face covering or exemption, parents/carer will be contacted to bring a suitable covering in.

If you would like your child to be exempt from this requirement then please can you write a note in their contact book. Students with this note will be offered a badge or card to identify their exemption.

I am looking forward to seeing the students given every chance to unlock their potential once more and would like to reassure you that we still continue to keep their safety paramount as we begin the slow process of returning the school back to normal.

Yours faithfully

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