

Parent Update **Summer 2020 Pt.2**

Dear Parents & Carers,

In this second part of the update, we will outline the current plans and safety measures in place for September 2020-21. There is a lot of information, which we hope you will find useful and hopefully answer many of the questions that you may have.

Control Measures & Safety Guidance

Government guidelines now state that we are to open up to **all** children in September. However, as stringent safety measures are required in order to combat the spread of Covid-19, provision will not look the same as it has at the start of previous academic years. We have considered the safest way to fully re-open and been through a rigorous process of risk assessments in order to arrive with the following plans. However, we are aware that national, and local guidance, is subject to change during these uncertain times and will continue to keep you updated throughout the summer break, should any of the information below need to be amended. Key changes include;

- Increased cleaning measures
- Desks in rows, facing the front of class
- Non-essential furniture removed
- Where possible, resources for individual use only, with stationery packs provided for children
- Visual reminders – posters, floor stickers, signs, floor tape etc.
- Hand sanitiser stations
- No external visitors to site (unless by appointment only)
- Staggered pick up / drop off
- Use of external doors wherever possible
- Marked pathways through school

Attendance

Please note that it will again be mandatory from September 2020 for all children of school age to attend daily. However, children who show any symptoms of Coronavirus should not attend and NHS guidance on self-isolation be followed please. We would also ask this of any adults, including staff, and to exercise caution / seek professional advice if unsure. ***Please notify us as soon as possible by phone if your child is unable to attend for any reason.***

Drop Off and Pick Up

Please can we ask that only one parent or family member from the household drop off / collect children and that you do not enter the school playgrounds- pupils will be met by a member of staff at each gate. You may wait on the marked path up to reception & grassed area and park at the rear of school. For the continued safety of pupils, please can we also remind parents that the staff car park is not to be used.

Start and finish times will be staggered, to help enable social distancing as much as possible and children will arrive in year groups. Please make sure that children are on time, to ensure there is no crossover between groups. Your child will be directed across the playground, straight into their classroom. Please note that bikes & scooters will not be allowed initially. Below are the start / end times and entry / exit point for each year group;

Year Group	Entrance / Exit	Start of Academy Day	End of Academy Day
Y3	Front Gate (Old Road)	8.30a.m	2.50p.m
Y4	Front Gate (Old Road)	8.45a.m	3.05p.m
Y5	Rear Gate	8.30a.m	2.50p.m
Y6	Rear Gate	8.45a.m	3.05p.m

Use of Space

Children will arrive directly to and remain with their class / year group throughout the school day. Break and dinner times will be staggered, with one year group at a time using their allocated playground and grassed area. Wherever possible, travel will take place around the school buildings, rather than through shared areas. Assemblies and any other whole school gatherings will take place via Zoom, with children joining in from classrooms. As per the guidance, tables will be set up in rows, with teachers delivering lessons from the front of class.

Equipment

Your child should wear regular school uniform daily and will only need to bring their coat, book bag and a water bottle. All children will have a stationery pack provided. To avoid use of changing rooms and additional bags, on days where PE is taking place, pupils should arrive ready changed please, in tracksuit, with t-shirt & shorts underneath. Please note that there will be no PE on the first day back and we will notify you closer to the time of each year groups allocated days.

Lunchtime Arrangements

Staggered lunches will commence from 12.10p.m, with grab bags delivered to class doors for collection. All children will have lunch in their class (or outdoors if the weather is suitable!) and wash their hands immediately before and after eating. Please can we request that all children not receiving free-school meals, use Parentpay to purchase their daily lunch. These are priced at £2.30 per day. Packed-lunches may be brought to school in lunch bags/boxes and be kept at desks (waste will also be kept in these after eating).

Cleaning and Additional Hygiene Measures

All children and staff will be asked to adhere to the following principles of good hygiene whilst on site, with both visual reminders (posters & signage) and regular verbal reminders provided to:

- Wash hands often, using soap and warm water and dry them thoroughly
- Avoid touching their face
- Cover mouth and nose with tissue or sleeve (not hands!) when you cough or sneeze and throw tissue straight into the bin provided – **‘Catch it, bin it, kill it!’**

In addition to following these hygiene principles, all areas will be as well ventilated as possible (windows & doors open) and there will be additional cleaners present on site throughout the day. Areas will be cleaned regularly during the day and surfaces wiped down at key points (e.g break, dinner etc). Each class / year group will have allocated toilets, limited to use by pupils in their group, that will be cleaned after use. Resources such as iPads and laptops will be allocated to a year group each day and be cleaned before use by another group. Hand sanitiser will also be available in all classrooms.

Wraparound Provision

Breakfast Club (7.30a.m - 8.30a.m) will restart from Monday, 7th September and can be booked from the first day back. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer After School Clubs initially, but will look to reintroduce these closer to the October half-term and will confirm dates when we return.

As Principal, I would like to assure you that we have done everything possible to ensure the safety of our pupils, parents and staff ready for September. All of the control measures taken by the academy as listed, including the revised routines and procedures have been thoroughly and carefully thought out and planned for, with several levels of scrutiny and quality assurance, so that provision is fit for purpose. Therefore, we hope that the guidance included reflects this and is clear, rational and workable for you and your family.

Please get in touch with us should you have any issues or queries, we are here to help. We look forward to seeing you soon and welcoming back all of our pupils **Wednesday, 2nd September 2020**, for the start of the new school year.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P. Rust
Academy Principal