



# Montgomery Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you ahead of the start of the term to clarify a few details regarding the start of term. I wrote to all parents on 17<sup>th</sup> July explaining the model for a full school opening. A copy of the letter "Letter to Parents - Full reopening in Sept 2020 - Friday 17th July 2020" is on our website in the letters section at [www.montgomeryschool.co.uk/Information/letters](http://www.montgomeryschool.co.uk/Information/letters). I would suggest you re-read this before the start of term. I will remind you that the start of term is staggered, starting with Year 7 only in school on Tuesday 2nd September. Start dates are as follows:

**Tuesday September 1st – Staff Training day (no students on site)**

**Wednesday September 2nd – Year 7 students only**

**Thursday September 3rd – Year 7, 9 and 11 only**

**Friday September 4th – Years 7,8 and 10 only**

**Monday September 7th – All students in school**

The school day will also be staggered to keep students in separate 'year group' bubbles. Therefore, start times will be

**Years 7 & 11 start at 8:30 and finish at 2:45pm**

**Years 8 & 10 start at 9:00am and finish at 3:15pm**

**Year 9 start at 8:45am and finish at 3:00pm**

Year groups will also be separated at break and lunch. Each year group will work almost entirely in one block within school.

**Year 7 will work in M-block**

**Year 8 will work in E-block**

**Year 9 will work in L-block**

**Year 10 will work in S-block**

**Year 11 will work in O/T-block**

As two year groups arrive and leave at the same time, they will use different school entrances. We may change this after the first week, but we will start with

**Year 7 Bike Sheds Gate (arrive at 8:30am, leave at 2:45pm)**

**Year 8 Bike Sheds Gate (arrive at 9:00am, leave at 3:15pm)**

**Year 9 Science Arches Gate (arrive at 8:45am, leave at 3:00pm)**

**Year 10 Science Arches Gate (arrive at 9:00am, leave at 3:15pm)**

**Year 11 Science Arches Gate (arrive at 8:30am, leave at 2:45pm)**

I also advise you to read our comprehensive Risk Assessment for the return of all students also available on our website in the information section entitled 'COVID 19 Risk Assessments'. This lays out how we intend to run a full school in a COVID secure way where year groups stay in separate 'bubbles'.

### Uniform

The local authority has secured some funding to support parents and carers in their purchase of school uniform if they have been affected by the financial effects of COVID 19. This can be up to £100 for a secondary school student. To see if you meet the criteria and to complete the form to apply please visit

[www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Education-and-schools/Information-for-parents-and-carers/School-uniform-grants.aspx](http://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Education-and-schools/Information-for-parents-and-carers/School-uniform-grants.aspx)

The funding is not unlimited so please look at this as soon as you can.

### PE lessons

Our intention is that Years 7-9 that have 2 PE lessons a week, will have one practical and one theory and the day they have their practical lesson they will come to school in their PE kit to avoid the multiple use of our changing rooms during the day. More details on this, including plans for Years 10 and 11 will be made clear at the start of term, so students do not need to bring their kit on their first day of term.

Much has happened since we closed for the summer in July. We have seen local lockdowns in different parts of the country, quarantine decisions regarding travel abroad, issues with exams and a commitment from all political parties that all students should return in September. Montgomery is determined to make this happen in as safe a way as possible. We are very keen to see all our students back learning again as we have missed them. With an ever-changing landscape, please look out for any further updates before the start of term.

Regards



Mr. Careless  
Headteacher