

September Plans



13th July 2020

Dear Parent,

Following the release of the latest guidance from the Department for Education, we are now in a position to share our plans for September. These plans are subject to change as the situation is continually changing across the country and it is still 8 weeks away. You can expect confirmation of these plans by email towards the end of August. You will have heard that attendance will be mandatory for pupils in September unless a pupil or a member of their family is showing symptoms of Covid 19. We are looking forward to welcoming back all pupils full time from the start of term.

Our new year 5 pupils will return first on Monday 7th September along with pupils we have identified from other year groups who would benefit from extra transition during the first 2 days. All other pupils will return on Wednesday 9th September.

The academy day will be very similar to usual with pupils attending 5 lessons per day and having break and lunchtimes with the rest of their year group at staggered times, including handwashing/sanitising breaks. To minimise transitions around the school, pupils will remain in their tutor base for all of their lessons unless they move to an outside space. The classrooms will be set up slightly differently with tables in rows facing the front and the teacher will remain at the front of the classroom. This will be different to usual and our expectations on behaviour will reflect the current restrictions. Many of the lessons will be taught by the tutor of that class but teachers are able to move within their year group so some specialist teaching will be possible. We will not be returning with our usual timetable but will review this after the first couple of weeks. We have explained this further in a short video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiaX47S6Jgc&feature=youtu.be> and tutors will outline everything again in September.

Extra sanitiser stations will be in place for September. The academy will have been deep cleaned throughout and the government guidance currently states that children should not wear facemasks in school. Doors and windows will be open throughout the academy where possible to maximise ventilation. One way systems are in place around the academy.

Inset day on 4th September will cover training for all staff.

It is **VITAL** pupils are not sent to school if they display any Covid-19 symptoms, or if anyone in their household displays them.

Staggered Start and Finish Times: will be in place in September to reduce the number of pupils going through the gates at any one time. It is important that pupils arrive as close to the given time as possible. Arriving too early creates a queue of pupils and arriving too late may interfere with the next year group arriving. Pupils will need to use hand sanitiser as they enter the school site and go straight to their tutor base. For the first two days, year 5 parents will be able to bring their children up to the year 5 block and collect them from there at the end of the day. From Wednesday onwards, no parents will be permitted on site and if you have a query, please contact the office via telephone or one of our email addresses.

Year:	Start Time:	Finish Time:	Gate:
5	8:25am	3pm	Red
6	8:25am	3pm	Silver
7	8:40am	3:10pm	Red
8	8:40am	3:10pm	Silver



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Clubs: Breakfast Club will be available starting at 8am each morning and more information is on our website. There will be no after school provision for the first 3 weeks initially but we will be in contact once this has been reviewed. For pupils who arrive at school by bus we are working with Somerset transport who are reviewing their operating practice.

Break and Lunchtimes: Each year group will have a different break timetabled where they will have time to wash their hands, eat their snack and have some time outside. This will be the same at lunchtime where time will be given to washing hands before they eat and each year group will have time outside. Pupils with packed lunches will stay in their classroom to eat whilst pupils who wish to purchase food from the canteen will go to the hall.

What to Bring: Pupils must bring with them a fully equipped pencil case, reading book, water bottle and snacks for the day (the canteen will not be open at break time and no water fountains will be in use, though drinking water is accessible to refill bottles). We will not be able to provide any safe storage for mobile phones so we ask that these are left at home wherever possible or they remain switched off in bags and not taken out whilst on the academy site. No other items should be brought in without prior agreement.

What to Wear: Uniform is not compulsory for the time being as we are aware that many families will need to purchase new items and we will be in a position to start selling uniform again very soon. Pupils must come to school dressed for outdoor activities and wearing trainers as they will be doing PE almost every day. It will not be possible for pupils to change for PE during the day so PE kit is not required. They will need a coat in wet weather. In September it will no longer be necessary to wear a change of clothes each day.

Curriculum: During the first 3 weeks back, we will be continually reflecting on the needs of our pupils and tailoring our curriculum based on this. Pupil wellbeing will be prioritised with daily PSHE lessons looking at supporting the pupils on their return to school and re-establishing routines and expectations. There will be daily reading and numeracy but the curriculum will remain broad and balanced. We will also have a remote learning option planned in case of another lockdown.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Wilkes', written in a cursive style.

Miss Emma Wilkes
Headteacher