

# Update.....

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021



Dear Parents,

We hope you are all well and staying safe as society begins to open up further. It has been fabulous to see pupils in their complete uniforms and looking great ready for their photographs.

We are pleased to tell you that we have been able to safely plan for an almost full return to a secondary model for Y7 & 8 starting from May 10<sup>th</sup>. This will enable pupils to be taught almost exclusively in their specialist rooms and have more movement around the academy site. We have been extremely mindful of how we go about enacting these plans to ensure safety for all in the community; staff and pupils, and this has allowed for pupils to access a full curriculum for all subjects. We will be taking advantage of the current guidance for secondary schools to do this. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 are already experiencing as much movement around the academy as the current primary guidance allows.

It is important that this is done with our Year 7 and 8 pupils following 3 key processes and routines for this to be a success:

- **Clean and Go:** Adhering to the guidance from the government and linking to our own core concepts of etiquette when pupils leave a classroom they are required to clean their table and chairs using the resources provided by the teacher. This reduces the risk for their peers as the next class arrives
- **Entry and Exit:** There will be clearly marked entry and exit doors for certain classrooms that will need to be used to limit contact between classes. All pupils and staff are to use the one way systems that exist in all buildings around the academy
- **Face Coverings:** When inside, including classrooms, pupils are required to use face coverings where social distancing is not possible and minimise movements around the classroom. Classroom layouts have been adapted to facilitate success in this.

Other practical subjects will have specific measures in place to support the delivery of the curriculum and these will be shared by those teachers. Over the next two days pupils will be supported in understanding the part they can play in making this a success.

If you have any questions please do contact the academy office and they will direct your query to the appropriate member of staff.

Just another reminder that the second round of photos for our 4 yearly whole school photograph will take place tomorrow and that we have safely made arrangements to keep the pupils separate from the polling station area tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

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