

11 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back! It is great to have all the children back in school; schools are places that come alive with young people and it is lovely to have them all back in school and learning as we have really missed them. I am writing with some updates for the start of the new academic year.

Arrival and Departure

The plans that we put in place before the summer break require some minor changes in order to ensure we can get students into school safely, keep year groups separate and avoid large gatherings on the surrounding streets. Thank you for your patience over the last week, the arrangements indicated here apply from **Monday 14th September**. If a year group is not listed in the table below, arrangements remain as before. Our staggered start times have not changed - the changes below are aimed to minimise the build up of students and parents on surrounding streets. On a linked point, please could all parents park with care and courtesy and not block pavements or the access of residents to their homes. Thank you, in anticipation of your support in this.

Reception	Parents enter through the main primary gates at 8.40-8.50 and drop children off at reception gates. Collection from the reception garden (blue flooring) at 2.45
Year 2	Children can come into school and wait on the spots near the portable cabins when they arrive and the gates are open with staff to supervise. Parents do not need to wait once children are through the gate regardless of time.
Year 4	Children can come into school and wait in the nursery car park when they arrive and the gates are open with staff to supervise. Parents do not need to wait once children are through the gate regardless of time.
Year 5	Children can come into school and wait in the main car park on the space marked for year 5 when they arrive and the gates are open with staff to supervise. They will now enter school through the main entrance. Parents do not need to wait once children are through the gate regardless of time.
Year 6	Children can come into school and wait in the main car park on the space marked for year 6 when they arrive and the gates are open with staff to supervise. They will now enter school through the main entrance. Parents do not need to wait once children are through the gate regardless of time.
Year 7	Children should come into school through the gate on Warbreck Hill Road (the gate will be clearly marked). Once in school, they should proceed down the side of the main building and into the yard where they will be supervised. Staff will be available to supervise from 8:15am and so students should come straight onto site when they arrive. They will still need to be in school by 8:40am at the latest to go into classrooms.
Year 8 and 9	Children will come in through the back of school and be directed into a space to be supervised. Children in Year 8 and Year 9 do not need to wait until 8:40am to come onto the school site. Once they arrive they should come into school and will be supervised before moving to classes at 8:50am

Year 10	Children will come in through the back of school and be directed into a space to be supervised. Children in Y10 do not need to wait until 8:40am to come onto the school site. Once they arrive they should come into school. They will be directed onto the MUGA and will be supervised before moving to classes at 8:50am
Year 11	Children will come in through the back of school and be asked to wait in the turning circle until 8:40am. Students should not wait on surrounding streets and should come onto the site to wait. They will be directed into school at the correct time and into lessons at 9am.

Face Coverings

Staff, visiting adults and children in Y7 and above are required to wear face masks in all indoor spaces except classrooms, offices and the canteen when eating unless exempt. Could parents please be aware of this if they need to physically come into school for any reason as they will be asked to wear a face covering.

Social Media

We have been made aware of some very disturbing videos circulating on social media. Can we remind all parents to carefully monitor the internet use of young people.

Open Day

It is with regret that we have made the decision to cancel our annual Open Day in light of the current situation. A virtual offering will be available on the academy website.

New staff

We welcome a number of new staff to the academy this term;

Miss H. Brayne - Behaviour Support (Reception to Year 6)
 Miss E. Platt - Teaching Assistant (Year 7 to 11)
 Miss L. Cavanagh - Teaching Assistant (Year 7 to 11)
 Miss D. Davies - Teaching Assistant (Year 7 to 11)
 Miss M. Simpson - Teacher of maths
 Mr D. Nightingale - Teacher of maths
 Mrs S. Seddon - Teacher of maths

Attendance

I wanted to remind parents that any child who presents in school as ill with one of the main COVID-19 symptoms (new or persistent cough, high temperature or loss of sense of taste or smell) will have to be sent home and won't be able to return until they have returned a negative test for COVID-19. This is clear Government instruction and we cannot deviate from it. We understand how frustrating this is as children are likely to pick up bugs as we move into Autumn and Winter. It is for the safety of everyone.

COVID-19 confirmed cases

It is likely that at some point someone within the school community will test positive for COVID-19. We have robust plans in place to deal with this. Central to this is the requirements for the school to follow the instructions of Public Health England - they will instruct us who to send home, about cleaning and testing. The staff in school are not public health or medical experts and we will do as instructed by professionals.

I am genuinely excited to have our children back in school and looking forward to the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. S. Cooke
 Headteacher