

Dear Parent or Guardian,

I am writing to you to keep you updated with the changes Unity Academy is making in order to keep (Your child safe when we return to school in September following the Government's update to the guidance for school late last week.

The guidance document covered a huge number of potential issues and we have been working hard behind the scenes in response to this. As a result, we have made some key changes for our first day in September.

In order to keep the pupils safe they will be kept as year groups and within years 7 to 9 they will be kept within a small class group no bigger than 24 pupils. Years 10 and 11 will largely be kept to a small class group although they will have to change groups in order to be able to access their option subjects. For all pupils these small groups are known as bubbles. Pupils will have their own space on a desk and their own equipment such as pen, pencil and ruler. This equipment will stay in school. Pupils will be expected to stay in the same seat for lessons and will not be allowed to move around the classroom. For year 11 science lessons, all pupils will now sit combined science. No triple science will be offered. This will not affect other year groups. If you are a parent of a year 11 child and are concerned about this change, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the science department.

As further safety precautions we will expect different year groups to start school at different times so they do not have contact with other year groups. In order to maintain this safety measure, we expect pupils to arrive promptly to school. This means pupils should not arrive too early or too late for school. Pupils may wear protective face-masks to school but these must be removed before they enter school as the face-masks can potentially contaminate any surface they are put on.

Pupils will start back to school on different days in order for them to adjust to the new measures we have put in place. Once pupils have started back, they will attend school daily. The start dates, arrival and finishing times are listed in the table below:

Year Group	Start date after Summer Holidays	Starting Time of School Day		Finishing Time of School Day
7	02/09/20	No earlier than 8.30am	No later than 8.40am	2.55pm
8	04/09/20	No earlier than 8.40am	No later than 8.50am	3.05pm
9	03/09/20	No earlier than 8.40am	No later than 8.50am	3.05pm

10	04/09/20	No earlier than 8.50am	No later than 9.00am	3.15pm
11	02/09/20	No earlier than 8.50am	No later than 9.00am	3.15pm

Pupils will have different break times to other year groups and separate lunch times too. Pupils will be expected to wear full uniform to school except on days when they have PE and they will be expected to wear full PE kit instead. Pupils will not be expected or allowed to get changed for PE in the changing rooms as it is not possible to socially distance within these. As part of uniform routine, please ensure pupils come to school in a clean shirt on days when they are in full uniform to reduce the risk of cross contamination within school.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school through the main office. If contacting us, please be aware Unity will be closed for the first three weeks of the holiday.

I look forward to seeing you all in September

Yours sincerely,

Mr Buckley