

9 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, after the recent briefing detailing plans for Stage 4 of the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, the new operational guidance for schools has been released. This guidance could potentially change but I am keen to share the plans for when students return in September. **These measure will only come into effect at the academy when we return after the Summer break.**

The key points from the guidance are

- There is no requirement to keep students in year group bubbles. This means that all students will start and finish at the same time arriving before 8.35am and finishing at 2.40pm. The student entry point will open at 8.05am and all students will enter through the main "Standards Gate" next to the small car park.
- There is no requirement to keep year groups separate at unstructured times such as break and lunchtimes, which means we will no longer have the three break/lunchtimes. Due to the academy being oversubscribed in Years 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13, we will continue to run **two** split break/lunchtimes with year groups assigned certain dining rooms but students will be able to mix more freely at those times.
- Students will no longer be located in certain blocks for their lessons. Instead students will move between the faculty blocks during lesson changeover.
- Face coverings will no longer be advised in communal areas or classrooms. If a student or a member of staff would like to wear a face covering we will, of course, support this request.
- From Monday 16 August, Children under the age of eighteen will no longer need to self-isolate if they have been in close contact with a positive case. The academy will not be asked to run any form of Test and Trace. Students with symptoms should self-isolate until the result of a PCR test and if positive will be required to self-isolate. Students will be contacted by the NHS Test and Trace if they have been in close contact and asked to take a PCR test but will be able to continue attending the academy.

The guidance has also requested that students are tested twice on their return to the academy.

The first test will take place before students return. This means there will be a staggered return to the academy in September. Priority is being given to Year 7, who have been unable to have the usual three days of transition due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Please complete the survey link below to give consent for testing on site. Please also complete this if you do not wish to give consent. This will ensure that the academy only contacts those parents/carers where we have had no response.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3SS9L3T>



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The summary table below gives details of the first test date, the day they start in the academy, and then the second test date for your child's year group in September.

	<u>Test 1</u>	<u>Start Day</u>	<u>Test 2</u>
	Students will attend at the time allocated to their form group below. Once they have had their test they will go straight home. On this day, students do not need to wear academy uniform. Results will be sent to parents via text message and/or email given on the consent form.	Students to attend in full academy uniform, fully equipped arriving between 8.05 and 8.35am.	Students will leave their lesson, take their second test and then return to their lessons. Results will be sent to parents via text message and/or email given on the consent form.
Years 7 & 12	Test 1 will take place on Wednesday 1 September.	Students first day at the academy will be Thursday 2 September.	Test 2 will take place on Monday 6 September.
Years 8, 11 & 13	Test 1 will take place on Thursday 2 September.	Students first day at the academy will be Friday 3 September.	Test 2 will take place on Monday 6 or Tuesday 7 September.
Years 9 & 10	Test 1 will take place on Friday 3 September.	Students first day at the academy will be Monday 6 September.	Test 2 will take place on Tuesday 7 or Wednesday 8 September.

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The table below details the actual time your child should arrive for their Test 1. This has been organised via Tutor Group, and your child should only attend at the correct time please.

Friday 3 September - Years 9 &10

Time	Year Group	Tutor Group
9.45am	9	S
10.00am	9	U
10.15am	9	T
10.30am	9	O
10.45am	9	N
11.00am	9	A
11.15am	9	C
11.30am	9	D
11.45am	9	M
12.00pm	9	Y
12.15pm	9	G
12.30pm	10	S
12.45pm	10	U
1.00pm	10	T
1.15pm	10	O
1.30pm	10	A
1.45pm	10	C
2.00pm	10	D
2.15pm	10	M
2.30pm	10	X

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Willerton
Principal

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