

1. When will my child return to the Academy?

All students are expected to return to the Academy in September. To support with induction and assist with health and safety procedures:

Year 7 will return on Thursday 3rd September

Year 11 will return on Friday 4th September

Years 8 -10 will return on Monday 7th September

2. What time does my child need to arrive at the Academy?

In line with Government guidance we are staggering arrival and departure times:

Year 7 arrive between 8:00 and 8:15 and depart at 14:50

Year 8 arrive between 8:15 and 8:30 and depart at 14:55

Year 9 arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 and depart at 15:05

Year 10 arrive between 8:15 and 8:30 and depart at 15:00

Year 11 arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 and depart at 15:10

**All students must arrive and leave by the main gate on Memorial Road. The Barton Gate and Rangers Walk Gate will remain closed at all times*

3. What is expected of staff and students at the Academy to reduce the risk of COVID-19 being spread?

All staff and students MUST follow the guidance from the Government which clearly states:

- You **must stay at home if you have symptoms, live with someone with symptoms or have been contacted by NHS Test and Trace** to say you have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19;
- You must **wash / sanitise your hands** more frequently;
- Follow good respiratory hygiene using the **Catch it, Bin it, Kill it** method;
- **Enhance cleaning** across the Academy.

4. What else is the Academy doing to further reduce the risk of COVID-19?

We are implementing a range of strategies including:

- Keeping **Year Groups in 'bubbles'** and minimising contact between bubbles;
- Implementing a **one-way system** of movement around the Academy;
- Having **staggered arrival, break, lunch and departure** times for all Year Groups;
- Enforcement of **social distancing between staff and students** at all times (2m exclusion zones marked out in every classroom);
- Ask all students to **'Keep Left, Keep Moving, Keep Apart'** when moving around the Academy;
- All **desks will face the front** of the classroom;
- Students will be expected to **wipe down work areas and any equipment** used;

**The full set of safety measures have been explained to staff and these will be shared with students on their return to the Academy*

5. Does my child have to wear uniform to the Academy?

Yes. We have very high expectations of our students' uniform. Full uniform guidance can be found on our website but it is important to note that **trainers MUST NOT be worn.** The only exception is on a day when your child has a PE lesson. As the Government have restricted the use of changing rooms we request that your **child wears full PE kit to the Academy on these days.** Details of PE kit are again available on the website but it may be useful to note that we do allow plain black tracksuit bottoms to be worn

6. What equipment will my child need to bring each day?

Students **MUST bring the essential items** of equipment each day. These include:

- 2 x black pens • 2 x green pens • 2 x pencils • Ruler • Eraser • Calculator • Glue stick • Reading book (we are exploring how we can utilise the library in September)

In addition, your child will need to bring their own labelled drinks bottle – there **must be no sharing of drinks.**

7. Does my child need to wear a mask to the Academy?

We are not encouraging the wearing of face masks or coverings at this time. We are in an area of very low transmission of the virus and the risks associated with wearing or handling a mask incorrectly currently outweigh the benefits of wearing one. If your child is going to wear a mask to school they must remove it on arrival and store it in a sealable plastic bag. It must be of plain colour with no pictures or designs on it. **Masks must not be shared** and the mask should be removed using only the straps. (e.g. not touching the front of the mask)

8. Does my child need to bring a packed lunch?

Our caterers, Aspens, will be providing a reduced offer of refreshments. Hot and cold food will be available at break and lunchtime and whilst we are waiting for exact details it is unlikely a full hot meal will be available. Once we have the menus on offer we will place these on the website so you are able to view them. **If it is possible to provide a packed lunch we would recommend you do this.**

9. Can parents/carers come into the Academy at any time?

Unfortunately, during the current COVID-19 crisis we are having to reduce access to the Academy. If you need to **contact us please do so by phone or email** and we will respond to set up a telephone meeting or a meeting in person if required.

10. Should I change the way I transport my child to the Academy?

If possible, we would **recommend walking to the Academy.** Please only allow your child to ride or scoot to the Academy if absolutely necessary (space in the bike sheds is limited) and please encourage them to wear a helmet. It is essential that **students socially distance on the way to and from the Academy.** If your child does have to use public transport they must wear a mask or face covering whilst on the transport and this should be removed before entering the Academy. If your child uses private taxi, the taxi company will advise on COVID-19 restrictions.

11. What if a member of our household has symptoms of COVID-19?

If a **member of your household has symptoms your child MUST NOT attend** the Academy. The person with symptoms should get tested and other household members should all self-isolate. **Please contact the Academy absence line** as soon as possible to inform us. NHS will advise you what to do following the result of the test.

12. What happens if my child develops COVID-19 symptoms whilst attending the Academy?

Any member of staff or student developing symptoms whilst onsite will **be isolated within the Academy in a safe COVID-19 isolation space**. The student's parents/carers will be contacted and they **must collect the child immediately**, contact NHS and request a test. Please inform the Academy of the result of this test as soon as possible and follow the guidance provided by NHS.

13. What if there is an outbreak within the Academy or in the local area?

If there are two or more cases within the Academy in a two-week period the Academy will contact Public Health England who will advise us of next steps. If the outbreak is in the local community we will work with key agencies such as Local Authority, NHS and Public Health England to implement appropriate measures.

If you have any concerns or questions you would like answered please do contact the Academy.