

7 July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, the Government has now begun to further relax some of the Covid-19 lockdown restrictions. At the end of last week, the Department for Education announced that all schools will re-open for all pupils from the beginning of September.

This decision has been driven by a decrease in the number of Covid-19 cases, together with the “test and trace” system now being up and running. Public Health England has also made clear that the risk to children continues to be low.

A significant amount of guidance about the safe operation of schools was released at the same time. We are currently working through the detail of this and will be in touch again before the end of term setting out what this means for our academy and our pupils. This will cover:

- How classes will operate
- Curriculum and catch-up arrangements
- Hygiene arrangements
- Travel arrangements to and from school
- Breakfast and after school clubs
- Arrangements in the event that a pupil/pupils or staff have a confirmed case of Covid-19
- Remote learning arrangements, if the need arises

The Government has also made clear that attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from the start of the new term. When school resumes in September, we will be providing a full curriculum, with all classes running as normal and no reduction in teaching time.

We will be carrying out detailed risk assessments of the academy prior to the start of the new school year and will be sharing our plans for full re-opening with the teaching unions.

Full and final opening plans will be with you before the 1st September via Parent App/Social Media/Email

As ever, all of our decisions will focus on the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and our staff. Alongside this we are committed to a renewed sense of academic rigour upon return of all children.

These continue to be challenging times, but I want to reassure you that we will be doing everything we can to make the school as safe as it possibly can be for our whole school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support through these uncertain times.

Yours faithfully

Helen Broad (Executive Principal)

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