

17th June 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer,

RE: RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR YEAR 10 LEARNERS

Following the letter from Ms Hashmi this week about our plan and timeline for the wider opening of Bradford Academy we would like to provide you with some more detailed guidance about how things will look for Year 10 learners. Please note that the decision to reopen for Year 10 could change. Confirmation of when this is expected to happen will be communicated by an individual telephone call from Tuesday 23rd of June.

There is a lot of detailed information that you need to know so we ask that you please read the information thoroughly and carefully. If you would like to read the government guidance for yourself, please use this link to do so:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

Organisation of learners:

Government guidance outlines that learners should be taught in groups of no more than 15, and that these groups should stay together at all times. We have identified your child's achievement priorities and where they would benefit from access to a subject specialist. It is for this reason that they have been placed in a subject pathway. There will therefore be groups of no more than 8 learners in a morning or afternoon session. There will be no movement between groups, both adults and learners will not mix with anyone outside of their group. Learners will attend school for a session of 2.5 hours a week. Each group will have at least one subject specialist with them at all times. This is to maximise our ability to promote social distancing and minimise contact between learners and staff.

Timings of the day:

Learners in Year 10 will attend school for 2.5 hours per week, at a specified morning or afternoon session.

Morning session timings:

8:45 – Learners arrive through the Teasdale Street entrance and are escorted into the secondary student entrance maintaining social distancing.

9:00 – Access to the identified educational pathway with a subject specific specialist begins.

11:30 – Session ends, a packed lunch will be provided and learners will exit the building.

Afternoon session timings:

11:55 – Learners arrive through the Teasdale Street entrance and are escorted into the secondary student entrance maintaining social distancing.

12:05 – Learners directed to the forum to eat lunch (a packed lunch will be provided)

12:30 – Access to the identified educational pathway with a subject specific specialist begins

15:00 – Session ends and learners exit the building.

Organisation of the sessions:

- Quality teaching from a subject specialist
- Exam practice with feedback
- Link to the Virtual School & other subjects
- Preparation for Year 11

Attendance:

Once the Governing body and Leadership team have agreed a start date you will receive a phone call where you will be asked whether or not your child will be attending the specified provision. If the answer is yes, then your child will be added to the register and allocated their session. If your child is unable to attend their session at any time, please ensure this is reported to school at the earliest opportunity by contacting the key stage 4 attendance officer, Catherine O'Connor on email at C.O'Connor@bradfordacademy.co.uk or phone 01274 256769.

If you feel that you would rather your child not access the provision please communicate this during the initial phone call and ensure your child continues to access the Virtual School. The Virtual School will continue to provide high quality resources but not access to a subject specialist.

Conduct:

In line with the Government's guidance, Bradford Academy has had to enforce stricter rules to keep everyone safe. As a result of this, if your child does not follow the rules, our provision offer will be withdrawn and they will have to remain at home until a later date. This is in line with the revised behaviour policy.

Differences within School:

- Upon entry from the Teasdale Street entrance, learners are to follow the yellow arrow's, these are two metres apart in line with the social distancing guidance.
- As learners enter through the student entrance, they are to use the hygiene station to wash hands.
- Learners will be directed to a classroom in the maths hub.
- Hazard tape indicates the teacher zone and also where learners sit.
- Each learner will be provided with an equipment box.
- Learners do not have to wear school uniform, however clothing must be appropriate for an educational setting .
- Toilet facilities are available on the ground floor.
- There is a Covid-19 isolation unit for any learner displaying symptoms.
- There is a first aid station situated outside the maths hub with a first aider wearing PPE.
- Staff have the option to wear PPE depending on their role within school.



Other considerations:

- Inform staff immediately if you or a member of your household feel unwell
- Learners can wear PPE if that is their preference
- Please do not come onto the school site unless it is by prior arrangement

Childcare OR school sessions:

A small number of learners have continued to attend school whilst we have been closed to the majority. This childcare will continue to take place with the same timings as offered previously.

Children in childcare will not mix with other learners in school and cannot go between the different provisions. If your child is currently accessing childcare or is about to do so and you wish to change this to school sessions, please speak to a member of staff.

Parent/Carer Contract

As parent's/carers you have an important role to play in ensuring your child's successful transition back into school. By sending your child in you agree to abide by the statements below. If you do not feel able to support us in the ways outlined please do not send your child to school.

1. I understand that if anyone in my household shows signs of Covid-19 that no one from my household should come onto the school premises.





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2. If my child becomes unwell during the school day, I must come and collect them as soon as possible.
3. If my child is sent home with Coronavirus symptom's I will follow Government guidance on self-isolation and testing.
4. I understand that due to the bubble system, my child may not be with their normal teacher or friends.
5. I will not be able to have face to face contact with a staff member. I will give all staff on site 2m's distance if I have been invited into school.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Principal

