

24<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Year 11 Return to School Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

I am writing to inform you that following further advice given by Public Health England our Year 11 learners can return to school on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October. This is one day earlier than we had communicated initially and given the importance of this year we hope that you will support us in ensuring learners are equipped and ready for their return.

**Why is there a change in the Year 11 return to school date?**

The reason for the change is because the learner who tested positive spent his last day in school on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September. We received his results on Friday and at the time we thought that the 14 day self-isolation period started from then. This was not correct and in fact the self-isolation period for Year 11 started on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

**What if my child is ill?**

If your child is ill please seek medical advice and keep us informed about their health and well-being. Please remember that the symptoms of the coronavirus are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough- this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss of change to your sense of smell or taste- this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything or thing

**What to do if you have symptoms:**

- Get a test to check if you have Coronavirus as soon as possible
- Stay home and do not have visitors until you get your test result- only leave your home to have a test.
- Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

Despite this unfortunate start to the term our Year 11's have made a really positive start to the year and we know that they are determined to succeed. We are excited about the prospect of seeing them again and will ensure that we do everything to get them back into the habits and routines that will support learning.

You can support us by doing the following:





- Ensure your child enters school from the Teasdale Street entrance.
- Ensure your child attends with a facemask to wear when travelling in the Academy in public areas. The masks should be plain and not offensive and should only cover the nose and mouth. If your child has a medical exemption then please ensure evidence of this is provided on the first day.
- Ensure your child knows their start time. Period 1 starts at 8.30am. Learners need to be in school and in class by then. They can arrive to school from 8am to access breakfast from the bagel station.
- Ensure your child has their own basic equipment so that the need to share or be loaned equipment is minimal.
- Ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform.
- Use our electronic systems to top up payment cards for lunches so that we can minimise the use of cash machines and hence contact points for learners.
- Keeping your child at home should they display any of the symptoms of coronavirus identified by the government, getting a test for your child and family and informing us of the result when this is complete.

I thank you in advance for your support. Together we can make sure our community remains safe and can continue to re-engage with face-to-face learning.

Yours Sincerely

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