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Dear Parents/Carers

I am looking forward to welcoming students back to the academy this week. As you'll know the Department for Education issued guidance for school reopening late last week. I would like to update you on what to expect as your children come back to Morton over the course of this week.

Start Dates, Entrances and Face Coverings:

New **Year 7** starters have their first day of term on **Thursday 3rd September at 8.35am**. Students should arrive in full school uniform and will be entering the academy through the front atrium entrance. Staff will be on hand to welcome students. There will be no practical PE this day.

All other year groups have their first day of term on **Friday 4th September at 8.35am**. The academy doors will not open before this time. Year groups will have their own entrances to the building:

- Year 7 – Front Atrium on the left as you approach.
- Year 8 – Rear Atrium entrance on the left as you approach.
- Year 9 – Front Atrium on the right as you approach.
- Year 10 – Entrance at the Sports Hall Fire Escape.
- Year 11 – Entrance at the Design Technology Fire Escape.

Students must not go to any other area on arrival to the academy. Students will cleanse their hands on arrival and will go straight to their Zone rooms. Students are welcome to wear face coverings whilst travelling around the academy but must do this safely and responsibly. Students will exit the academy through the same method.

Uniform and Behaviour:

Full uniform is expected. Students with incorrect or inappropriate uniform will be issued with a letter and will need to rectify the issue within a reasonable time frame. Full expectations are on the website.

In terms of behaviour we will be expecting our students to return displaying the highest of standards. Students and staff deserve disruption free learning every lesson, every day. Our expectations are that:

- ✓ I will not talk whilst instructions are being issued.
- ✓ I will not disrupt others through my actions.
- ✓ I will not leave my designated seat without permission.
- ✓ I will follow all instructions issued at the first time of asking.
- ✓ I will not answer back or challenge instructions.

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In addition to this we will be adding the rule: **I will not behave in such a way that puts others at risk.** Students will be dealt with severely if they break any rules designed to maintain the health and safety of others. This could include fixed term exclusions from school with a risk assessment afterwards which will assess whether the child is safe to return. I do not expect to have to use sanctions for any Covid-19 related behaviours, but I will do so to protect the health and safety of others if necessary.

Covid 19 – Symptoms:

If your child displays symptoms of Covid 19 (*high fever, new continuous cough and/or a loss of sense of smell/taste*) then they must stay off school and self-isolate for 10 days. Your household must also self-isolate for 14 days. You will need to get a test through NHS Test and Trace and then inform the academy of the outcome. I will attach our Covid 19 protocols to this letter to give you clarity in how we will respond to any symptoms displayed in school.

Physical Education:

Students will still be able to participate in PE lessons but only when conditions outside allow. If students have PE, they should come to school in their PE kit and will not need to change into their uniform. During the first two days of opening students do not need to wear PE kit, students should wear full uniform on their first day.

Equipment and other information:

Students will be issued with their timetables on their first day back. We will be carrying out safety briefings with students regularly. Students will be issued with their Planners, Exercise Books, Knowledge Organisers and Lanyards. Students must wear their lanyards all day every day. Any lost key equipment will need to be replaced at cost to parents. Students should bring their own pens, pencils, rulers, calculators etc.

Toilets:

Students must only use the toilet blocks assigned to their year group and should only use the toilets when they need to. Opportunities will be made through the day for students to cleanse hands and use toilets but we will have to limit some movement around the building at times. Students will need to be responsible and approach this with maturity.

Thank you for your support over the last few months, I hope that this week will see a gradual return to some kind of normality. It needs to be stated that the academy isn't open as normal in every way. Students will be restricted in some ways and keeping students, families and staff safe must be our top priority.

Yours sincerely

Richard McGuire
Principal