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11th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I'd like to thank you all for your support over the last week in getting our students back to the academy. As your children will have told you, the academy is not quite the same as it was back in March. Our students have done a fabulous job reacting to the changes in routines and procedures. I wanted to update you with some more information and guidance.

Lateness and Punctuality

In any circumstance punctuality is important. However, in our current situation it is really important that students are on time and in the queues to enter the academy at 8.35am. Our plan for the safe movement of students and staff around the building requires students to be in the right place when expected. Students who arrive at the academy after this time will go to withdrawal until after morning break.

Uniform

Our main priority at the start of this term has been to welcome our students back and settle them into their new routines. From next week we will be contacting home if a student is not wearing the correct uniform. We will make clear what the issue is and will discuss with you how it is to be resolved. I do not believe in restricting students from their learning due to uniform issues but students with unresolved uniform issues will not be able to access the same social times/spaces as other students. I would rather avoid these issues and ask that parents check the uniform expectations on our website and ensure children are wearing the correct uniform.

PE Kit

Many of our students will wear PE kit to school on days where they have practical PE. I would advise that students should have appropriate clothing to keep them warm on the journey to school. I would advise using the academy branded sportswear, a dark blue unbranded sweatshirt or students bringing their grey jumper and blazer with them.

Lunch

Due to having split lunches and three dining halls in operation at once there is a limit on the amount of choice the academy can offer at break and lunch. There will always be a cold 'grab bag' style lunch with baguettes and other items or there will be a hot option. In order to keep the site as safe as possible these tend to be easier takeaway style items like pasta pots which we can then dispose of. Students are always welcome to bring packed lunches if it is preferred.

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Covid 19

As the term progresses it is likely that we will have links to Covid 19. We ask that you keep us informed of any issues. If a child has any symptoms of the virus they must be kept home to self-isolate for 10 days, all members of your household are advised to self-isolate for 14 days. You should order a test through NHS Test and Trace (details can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>) and following the outcome of the test you should do the following:

Negative Test with no symptoms – return to school

Negative Test with symptoms – the student should self-isolate for 10 days, the rest of your household for 14 days.

Positive Test – you should inform the academy. The NHS will be there to support you in the unlikely scenario that this happens.

Equipment

We will be issuing your child with a new resource booklet which is their Knowledge Organiser for the first half of this year. It is vital that your child brings this to school with them every day. It is also vital that your child has their lanyard, card, planner and other key equipment every day. I would be grateful if you could assist us in making sure your child has the correct equipment each morning.

We post updates as often as we can on our Facebook page. Please bear in mind that we will not engage in conversations about your child on social media. Please get in touch directly with the academy if you require our support.

Yours sincerely

Richard McGuire
Principal