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Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope you are all well. As we approach the re-opening of the academy in September I wanted to inform you of some adaptations we have been able to make following feedback from parents at the end of the last academic year. I hope you find these changes sensible and helpful.

We are still looking forward to welcoming students back. We will begin with a Year 7 Induction Day on Thursday 3rd September starting at 8.35am. We will then welcome all students back to the academy on Friday 4th September. Having reflected on your feedback we have decided to change some of our plans which we will outline below.

The Academy Day:

In order to support families with children in different year groups we are going to go back to having one academy day structure for the whole academy. This means that for all students the academy day will begin at 8.35am and finish around 3pm. We have decided to introduce a third dining/break space in the site which allows us to do this. The academy will be as follows:

	Year 11	Year 10		Year 9	Year 8	Year 7
Reg	8.35 – 8.55	8.35 – 8.55	Reg	8.35 – 8.55	8.35 – 8.55	8.35 – 8.55
1	8.55 – 9.45	8.55 – 9.45	1	8.55 - 9.45	8.55 - 9.45	8.55 - 9.45
2	9.45 - 10.35	9.45 - 10.35	2	9.45 - 10.35	9.45 - 10.35	9.45 - 10.35
3	10.35 - 11.25	10.35 - 11.25	B	10.35 - 10.55	10.35 - 10.55	10.35 - 10.55
B	11.25 - 11.45	11.25 - 11.45	3	10.55 - 11.45	10.55 - 11.45	10.55 - 11.45
4	11.45 - 12.35	11.45 - 12.35	4	11.45 - 12.35	11.45 - 12.35	11.45 - 12.35
5	12.35 - 1.25	12.35 - 1.25	L	12.35 – 1.05	12.35 – 1.05	12.35 – 1.05
L	1.25 – 2.00	1.25 – 2.00	5	1.05 - 2.00	1.05 - 2.00	1.05 - 2.00
6	2.00 - 2.50	2.00 - 2.50	6	2.00 - 2.50	2.00 - 2.50	2.00 - 2.50

I hope parents find this a better solution than our initial draft. Registration will likely be a long entrance to the academy where we ensure all students take the opportunity to cleanse their hands before starting learning. The academy building will not be open to students before 8.35am.

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Entrance, Exits, Outside Spaces and Dining:

Each year group will have its own entrance and exit to and from the academy site. These will be signed and monitored by senior staff each day. This will allow us to maintain social bubbles.

Year Group	Zone	Entrance/Exit	Toilets	Break Space
7	English	Front Right Atrium (As you approach)	Ground Floor Library	English Garden
8	Humanities	Rear Left Atrium (AYA)	1 st Floor Library	MUGA
9	Arts	Front Left Atrium (AYA)	1 st Floor Attendance	Amphitheatre
10	Maths	Fire Escape (Sports Hall)	2 nd Floor Library	MUGA
11	Science	Fire Escape (DT)	2 nd Floor Science	Amphitheatre

Standards and Expectations:

We expect all students to return in full school uniform. We will be robust in ensuring that previous issues with footwear, skirt lengths, jewellery etc are dealt with quickly. I would advise that for maximum safety students should have their own pencil case with pens, pencils, rulers and all other equipment. Students will be able to mix in their year group bubbles but students will not be able to spend time with students in other year groups at any time. Students who break any social distancing rules will be subject to severe disciplinary action. Students will be issued with new exercise books, knowledge organisers and planners on their first day back to the academy.

Covid 19:

It is vital that if anyone in your household has the symptoms of Covid 19 that you self isolate, inform NHS Test and Trace and the academy. If students display symptoms in school they will be isolated and sent home. The academy will need evidence of a test before students can return to the academy. If any positive tests occur the academy will work with local public health officials to consider options. At all times we will put the health and safety of students and staff first.

If there are any families who are anxious about returning to the academy and feel that wearing a face covering would help we are happy to discuss this. The best advice to stay healthy is to ensure regular hand cleansing which we will be insisting upon. Guidance regarding face coverings will be supplied if needed.

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So, there will likely be further information before September. I am really looking forward to having students back on site in September. It will be lovely to meet our new Year 7 for the first time on Thursday 3rd September at 8.35 am at the front atrium. It will be even better to have all Morton Academy students back on Friday 4th September at 8.35am at the appropriate bubble entrance.

Please continue to enjoy your summer break and I hope to see you all soon.

Yours sincerely

Richard McGuire
Principal