

8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Adjustments to onsite provision**

I am writing to inform you about some adjustments to our onsite provision which will commence on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January**. The changes are in response to the updated Government guidance and the national lockdown announced on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

We will be operating 'mixed bubbles' from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January which will enable us to deploy our staff and resources most effectively.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will form a bubble and arrive at 8:30am at the Community Gate entrance. They will assemble in the Park area and have lessons in A Block.

Students in Years 10 and 11 will form a bubble and arrive at 8:30am at the Turnstile Gate entrance. They will assemble on the Tennis courts and have lessons in B Block.

Students in Years 12 and 13 will form a bubble and arrive at 8:35am at the Community Gate entrance. They will go straight to the sixth form area and study there.

All learning will be either in IT rooms or use laptops and students are required to bring headphones should they have them, if not, they will be provided. Provision will consist of 'live lessons' and blended learning on Satchel One. In addition, there will be guidance sessions during each week. Some alternative activities will be used to provide screen breaks during each day.

The Academy has been advised not to run PE lessons as we have been doing in the Autumn term and so all students (except the sixth form), should attend in **normal Academy uniform** each day. We will return to some form of modified physical activities as soon as we are able as we recognise this is very important for health and well-being.

Students should continue to bring their own equipment for learning and should not share these items with other students. A face covering should also form part of students' regular equipment for the Academy day.

To prevent transmission of Coronavirus, all students and staff should continue to follow the risk assessment and continue to socially distance by 'staying apart to stay safe'- there should be no physical contact. Additionally, students and staff should wash/sanitise their hands regularly, especially after using the toilet. **It will also be a requirement to wear a face covering at ALL times in indoor areas, except when eating or drinking and if there is an individual exemption from doing so.**

The normal timings of the Academy day will apply: five sessions, a break at 10:35, which will be outdoors unless there is inclement weather and lunchtime, which will be in Snack-chat. Students in the sixth form can take lunch in the sixth form block. We would still encourage students to attend with a packed lunch if possible and those entitled to a free school meal, will still receive this as normal.

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At the end of each day, students will be escorted offsite at the following times and will be expected to go straight home, not gather in groups or remain around Academy exits.

Year 7, 8 and 9: Community Gate: 3:05pm

Year 10 and 11: Turnstile: 3:05pm

6th Form Turnstile: 3:10pm

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or queries regarding these arrangements.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support during these challenging times for everyone.

Kind regards,

**Steve Taylor**  
Vice Principal (DSL)