

20 August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Returning in September 2020

I hope this finds you well.

It seems that time has passed by extremely quickly as we accelerate towards September and the beginning of the new academic year. The Autumn term is always one of great intensity and I am deeply thankful to staff and students alike for their dedication and commitment to all we stand for. I am particularly grateful to you, our wonderfully supportive parents and carers, for your partnership and faithfulness throughout the past year.

Date of return

Students will return to school as follows:

- Tuesday 1 September PD day (no students will be in school)
- Wednesday 2 September Year 7 and Year 11 students to return to school
- Thursday 3 September All students will be in school

We kindly ask for students to arrive at school no earlier than 8:40am. When arriving at the Academy members of staff will be outside to direct students to their zone where they will be asked to line up before entering the Academy. All students will be expected to be in full school uniform. Students will be taught in zones and teachers, maintaining social distancing guidelines, will move around building.

School Uniform

Full school uniform must be worn unless your child has a PE lesson that day. Students will not be able to access the changing rooms therefore when your child has a timetabled PE lesson we ask they attend school wearing their PE kit.

What can students bring with them?

- Students are now permitted to use their school bags and can bring pencil cases and equipment with them.
- Please ensure your child brings their water bottle to school as access to the water fountains will be made available.
- Although homework will continue to be set on TEAMS, school books, text books and student planners will be allowed to go home with your child.

Morning Break and Lunch

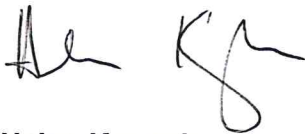
Morning break will be available for all year groups at staggered times. We now have a second dining room creating more capacity and a limited lunch service will be available avoiding the use of crockery and cutlery.

From September parents will no longer have immediate access to the reception area, if you would like to speak with a member of staff please contact the school office on 01642 870003 and an appointment will be made for you.

It is essential that we remind students at all times of the importance of washing hands and maintaining a robust hygiene routine. The Academy has been deep cleaned by North Tees Health Cleaning and we have invested in hand sanitising stations. Although full attendance is compulsory if anyone in your household displays symptoms for COVID-19 you must not come into school and seek medical advice. We will engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.

This has been a very difficult time for our young people and their families and we are enthusiastic to welcome them back in September. We continue to mitigate against the infection with validated risk assessments and measures are in place to minimise risk according to government guidelines.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Keough
Acting Headteacher