

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that this letter finds your families well and that you have had an enjoyable summer break. I am sure that you are turning your attention to the start of term and so I wanted to send you some reminders. Most of the information in this letter is a repetition of information in the letter that I sent in the last week of term. I ended that letter by saying that the guidance could well change but by and large it hasn't changed very much at all.

Start dates for each year group and COVID testing

On Monday-Thursdays we have added an extra period on to the day for Year 11 students. This period will be taught and will be a great opportunity for students to start to catch up on some of the learning that they have missed out on. This is compulsory for all Year 11 students and will start from Monday 13 September. We will also use this period 6 for enrichments and other intervention/ catch up sessions. Students will find out more about this in September.

Paying for snacks at break and for lunches

You will need to ensure that you use School Gateway to top up money on your child's account as we do not want them bringing cash on site. The loading machines will not be in use. If you do not already have a Gateway account you need to email: office@academy.org.uk and you will be sent the information that you need to register.

Arrangements for PE

Students need to arrive and leave the academy in full uniform. PE kit must be brought with students.

Updated COVID guidance

The recognised symptoms of COVID continue to be:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

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Face masks

Since 19 July face coverings are no longer advised for