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Dear Parent/Carer

Return to Academy in September

I am writing to share information with you regarding the Health and Safety of all students when returning to the Academy in September.

We have ensured that the Academy is ready to welcome students back by rigorously following government guidance. I have included a link to this document for your information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

I would like to bring your attention to some of the main points set out below:

Schools must comply with health and safety law which requires them to assess risks and put in place proportionate control measures which include:

- A requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- Robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements
- Active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- Formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximize distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimize potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable

Prevention

- Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend the academy:
 - A new continuous cough or
 - A high temperature or
 - Loss of, or change in normal sense of taste and smell
- Ensuring that students, staff and other adults do not come into the academy if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or have tested positive in at least the last 10 days, and ensuring anyone developing those symptoms during the school day is sent home are essential actions to reduce the risk in schools and further drive down transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).
- All schools must follow this process and ensure all staff are aware of it.

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- If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia) they must be sent home and advised to follow 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection' which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).
- If they have tested positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10 day isolation period from the day they develop symptoms.
- This only applies to those who begin their isolation on or after 30 July.
- Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

Should any individuals present with symptoms throughout the day we must insist that you collect your child as a matter of urgency, we will follow guidance of what to do whilst awaiting collection which is to isolate the individual in a ventilated room and any staff member tending to the individual will wear appropriate PPE. As you are already aware students will be arriving and leaving at staggered times and whilst in the Academy will remain within their bubble. Break and lunch times will also be staggered and students will have specific zones to use during these times. Further information will follow as to where you child should go on their first day back.

In order to minimise the risk of transmission of the virus, students will not be able to share equipment with each other. It is therefore, imperative that students have their own equipment, including:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Trigonometry set
- A reading book

In addition to this, the water fountains will not be in operation therefore, students must bring their own water bottle filled with drinks from home.

In terms of transport, I previously sent out a link to LCC's guidance for school transport. I have attached a copy of the link for your information.

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport/covid-19-information-school-transport/1>

We would ask that you discuss this with your child/children to ensure that they understand what the expectations are before they come back in September, the main points being:

- Students should wear a face covering whilst travelling
- Students must wash their hands before and after the journey
- Students must not eat or drink whilst travelling

The local authority will advise us as to what time each bus will arrive at the end of the day, students will remain in their year block until it is their designated time to get their bus. We will not be able to have all of the students gathering at the shop waiting for the bus as was previously the case. Staff will be on hand to oversee that students are remaining in their bubbles whilst waiting for the bus to arrive.

All students that are not using school transport will be encouraged to not gather at the shop at the end of the day too as this is a very small space. We will be asking students to use a shop nearer to their home to avoid large crowds gathering.

I appreciate that there is a lot of information here to digest, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy should you wish to discuss this further or pose any questions that you may have.

Kind Regards



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