

Frequently Asked Questions: September 2020 Return to School

How will you limit the risk of infection for my son/daughter?

The academy has carried out a comprehensive risk assessment ahead of re-opening. This has supported us in putting in place a rigorous programme of measures to limit the risk to all members of our community. These measures include:

- Year Group “bubbles” and dedicated Year Group “zones”, within the academy building and in communal areas. This includes an entry/exit protocol for accessing the academy site:



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- Social distancing.
- Rearranged classrooms - ensuring desks are spaced out as far as possible and unnecessary furniture and equipment has been removed.
- Limited mixing - students will stay in their Year Groups, and staff members will travel to them. Breaks, lunch and the end of the academy day will be staggered (see below).
- Minimised contact with individuals who may become unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.
- Cleaning hands more often than usual - washing hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap, or using alcohol hand sanitiser, ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.
- Ensuring good respiratory hygiene – promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach.
- Cleaning frequently touched surfaces.

Can I decide not to send my child to school?

No. The scientific evidence shows that it is now safe for staff and students to attend school. The Government have made it clear that you will be fined, and/or could face legal intervention, if you do not send your children back to school in September 2020. Our Attendance and Pastoral Teams are available to support families if you have any questions or concerns.

Will my child be able to use the school bus?

Yes. The Norfolk School Bus programme will run as normal. Likewise, First Bus will allow School Bus passes to be used on their services, providing current Government guidelines are followed:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers#public-transport>

Face masks must be worn whilst travelling.

Wherever possible, we strongly suggest that students do not use public transport e.g. walk/cycle or arrive by car.

Will my child be able to wear a face covering in school?

In line with Government guidelines, students will be permitted to wear a reusable mask in communal areas. This should be as plain as possible. Branded face coverings will not be permitted.



Will lunch be provided?

No. Unless you are in receipt of Free School Meals, students will need to bring a packed lunch. Each student will be provided with Breakfast and can make a purchase from a small selection of snack food at lunch.

Students should bring a water bottle. It is important that they do not share this with anyone else.

My child has dyed hair/long fingernails or committed other infringements of the school dress code during Lockdown. I want to support you – what should we do?

In line with Government guidance, from September 2020, we expect students to wear their full school uniform. Please ensure that excess piercings, long fingernails, hair dye and so on are removed in advance of September 2020. A copy of our Uniform Policy is available on our website and was sent separately at the end of the Summer Term.

Students should wear their Academy PE kit on the days that they have practical PE lessons.

What should my son/daughter bring to school?

Your son/daughter will need to bring a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and protractor. Students in the Upper School (Years 9-11) will also need a calculator. Equipment cannot be shared with other students.

What times will my child be in school?

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11	
8.50	Reg	8.50	Reg	8.50	Reg	8.50	Reg	8.50	Reg
9.20	Period 1	9.20	Period 1	9.20	Period 1	9.20	Period 1	9.20	Period 1
10.20	Break	10.20	Break	10.20	Period 2	10.20	Period 2	10.20	Period 2
10.35	Period 2	10.35	Period 2	11.20	Break	11.20	Break	11.20	Break
11.35	Period 3	11.35	Period 3	11.35	Period 3	11.35	Period 3	11.35	Period 3
12.35	Lunch (D) Field 1	12.35	Lunch (D) Field 2	12.35	Period 4	12.35	Period 4	12.35	Period 4
1.00	Period 4	1.00	Period 4	1.35	Lunch (D) Field 2	1.35	Lunch (D) Field 1	1.35	Lunch (G) NP
2.00	Period 5	2.00	Period 5	2.00	Period 5	2.00	Period 5	2.00-3.00	Period 5
3.00	End	3.00	End	3.10	End	3.10	End	3.10	Period 6
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I'm coming by car. Where should I drop off my child?

In the interests of health and safety, and to limit the numbers of people on site, you cannot drop off/collect at the academy gate and/or come onto the academy site.

If you need to speak to a member of academy staff, please call the academy to make an appointment in advance. In the interests of health and safety, it will not be possible to see parents who have not made an appointment and we apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

The East Gate will be closed until further notice.

Siblings will need to wait outside of the academy site, as we cannot risk year group "bubbles" mixing. If your son or daughter has specialist needs, please speak to Mrs P Myhill (Senior Assistant Principal, SENDCo and Safeguarding) who will be happy to help.

What happens if the academy must close again?

In the event of a local Lockdown and/or academy closure, Home Learning will utilise a combination of:

- Teacher-led lessons, in-line with the academy's "normal" curriculum and associated timetable (Microsoft Teams lessons, on-line resources and recorded mini-lessons). This will include:
 - Tuition in the Core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science, as well as small group catch-up tutoring for identified students
 - Cliff Park Culture and Character sessions
 - PE and active sessions
 - Humanities and MFL sessions (as appropriate)
 - Vocational subjects, including Creative Arts and Technology (as appropriate)
 - Regular on-line assessment activities

Paperwork packs and/or equipment will be provided to students who do not have access to ICT.

- Weekly Pastoral Tutorials
- Community activities, including competitions and charity work etc.

What are Covid-19 symptoms? What should I do if my child, or a member of our family, has these symptoms?

Covid-19 symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

