

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would firstly like to start by once again thanking you all for your understanding, patience and constant support during what has been a very challenging time for our whole school community.

I am writing to let you know that, as hoped, our academy will be safe to re-open to all students on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. This decision has been made in close consultation with Public Health England, the Department for Education and Norfolk County Council, with whom we have been in constant contact with over the last few weeks to help ensure we could re-open to students at the earliest, but safest, opportunity.

We have had confirmation that transmission rates of the virus have now subsided, and following a great deal of hard-work behind the scenes, we now have sufficient staffing levels in place, in order to be able to safely supervise students throughout the day, and for full teaching to be delivered.

Of course, as the circumstances are continually changing, we will be keeping this under constant review. It may be the case that on the initial return to school, provision may be a little different to what would normally be in place, and we will still be experiencing some staff absences due to self-isolation periods and illness. However, we will be doing all we can to ensure that your child experiences as normal a school day and experience as possible, and we thank you in advance for your understanding.

As outlined in earlier correspondence, whilst the academy has been closed, we took the opportunity to undertake a deep clean of the entire school site, with a particular focus on areas of frequent and communal use. We will be continuing to closely follow and implement all possible safety measures, and these too will be kept under constant review and delivered to the highest possible standard.

Alongside adhering to all our safety measures, including increased hygiene and hand washing, strict social bubbles and social distances, we ask that all students wear a face

mask when entering and leaving the school site, and at all social times, including at break, lunch and when in the corridors. Face masks can be removed once students are inside the classroom, as well as when sitting down to eat and drink. If your child would feel more comfortable wearing a face covering in the classroom, then this will continue to be allowed, but is not required.

We will be starting back to school on the Week 1 timetable. Additionally, I can confirm that Practical PE will start again on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, so if your child has PE they must come to school in their correct PE uniform. As the weather is colder, if your child does not have the CPOA fleece, we would ask that your child wears their CPOA jumper and blazer over their PE kit.

We are pleased to have been able to get everything on track for the full re-opening of our school to all students and we hope that this is welcome news to you and your child. We have all really missed not being able to see and teach our students in person, and so we are really looking forward to safely welcoming everyone back in on Monday.

Thank you once again for your support, and should you have any questions or need to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the academy via your Community Principal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "T Poulter", written in a cursive style.

Ms T Poulter

Principal