



9 September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a very different start to the term and both staff and students have worked hard with all the changes to the routines at the Academy. We continue to review and evolve our procedures to ensure our community is as safe as possible.

### Health and well-being

Please be reminded, that you must **NOT** send your child into school if your child, or any member of your household, is showing any of these symptoms:

1. A high temperature (>37.8C)
2. A continuous dry cough
3. Loss of sense of taste or smell.

Please ring the school to advise us of your child's absence and contact NHS UK online to arrange a test, or ring NHS 119 if you don't have internet access. The person with one or more of the symptoms above must self-isolate for 10 days and fellow household members for 14 days, unless test results are negative.

If your child is unwell with gastro-intestinal symptoms, but does not have any of the COVID19 symptoms above, you must still keep them at home and advise of their absence. In this case, you do not need to arrange a COVID 19 test, but you should follow usual procedure of keeping your child at home until they have been clear of sickness/diarrhoea for 48 hrs. Further advice can be sought from your GP.

Please support us and our community by following the guidance above.

### Student school arrival

The Academy gates will be opened at 8.15 am; the buildings will not open until 8.25 am. Please ensure your child is not arriving outside the Academy before this time as we do not want large groups of children outside the Academy entrance.

### End of the school day

Once again can I politely request you park away from the Academy entrance on Allerton road to support our residents. We are actively encouraging our students to walk to school if they can, to help reduce traffic where possible.



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## Break and Lunch

We are striving to ensure our students get some fresh air every day. Please ensure, as the weather becomes a little colder, they have a coat to keep them warm and dry. They will only be kept inside for wet break if the weather is particularly bad. Thank you for your support with this.

## Masks

We are working hard with students to ensure they wear masks in our communal areas unless they are medically exempt. Can we request that you continue to discuss this with your child at home and its importance in supporting our community. Please ensure you send your child into school with at least two masks in case one breaks and that they have a plastic bag to seal them in when not in use.

## Government guidance

This continues to change and develop almost daily, we will continue to update our risk strategy (now version 9). We continue to review our processes and procedures every day to ensure the safety of students, staff and the site. We are working extremely hard in unprecedented circumstances and thank you for your support at this time.

## P6 for year 11 students

From **Monday, 14 September**, some Year 11 students will be asked to attend period 6 lessons, in small groups, by staff running the sessions. All Year 11 students will be expected to stay until 4.00 pm from week commencing **28 September**. This will allow staff the opportunity review student progress and ensure the optimal support is in place.

From 28 September, Period 6 sessions (until 4.00 pm) will take place every day, except Wednesday, for **all Year 11** students. On Wednesday, the school day will finish at 2.40 pm. A timetable for Period 6 will be distributed to students by Friday, 25 September. There will also be an opportunity to stay beyond 4.00 pm in some departments but this will be optional. Once again your support with this is crucial.

## PE and Dance

On considering new guidance and following discussions with PE staff and parents, from Monday, 14 September we would like students to attend the Academy wearing full PE kit on days when they have PE and/or Dance only, all other students will remain in their full school uniform. They will remain in their kit all day. Therefore, it is very important that their PE kit, follows our uniform policy as detailed here:

- Trainers should have white soles
- Boots must have molded studs only or blades
- Trentham Academy polo top, Trentham Academy Hoodie and shorts only from the uniform shops
- Black football socks only
- Shin pads and gum shield are needed for safety
- Gloves and a plain waterproof jacket (black or blue) for poor weather



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- Plain black sports leggings only (no logos)
- Black plain tracksuit bottoms only (no logos)

We have been made aware of some issues from the uniform shop regarding supplies, if this affects you please contact the Academy. Students will do most of their PE lessons outside, please ensure they have a suitable outer layer/coat in case of light rain.

I would like to thank the staff for their tremendous hard work during these difficult times. I recognise that people within our community are anxious about COVID 19 but I want to reassure you, we are working extremely hard to keep everybody as safe as possible and mitigate the risk as best we can.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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