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Ashton on Mersey School

Chief Executive: Mr Tarun Kapur CBE
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2nd September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that all pupils are excited at the prospect of a return to school this week. Following a statement from the Health and Social Care Secretary this afternoon, Trafford remains under existing restrictions meaning face masks are mandatory in communal areas for all pupils and staff. Specific guidance can be found later in this letter. All other arrangements remain the same but are republished below for ease.

The school will re-open to pupils for an induction day on either the 3rd or 4th September for specific year groups. The school will provide a home learning package for the alternative day on which pupils will remain at home. On Monday 7th September school will open to all year groups.

In line with national Health and Safety advice, pupils will remain in the 'bubble' of their year group. To minimise the contact of pupils across 'bubbles', we should also ask for pupils to attend via one of four separate entrances. The separate entrances and exits to and from school alongside start and finish times for the new term are as follows (pupils late for school should report to main reception):

Year Group	Entrance	Induction Day 3 rd or 4 th September 08:30 – 15:00	Full School Reopening Start and Finish Time from 7 th September
7	Main School Gate on Cecil Avenue – Tennis Court Playground	3 rd September	08:30 - 14:45
8	Room 47 Gate on Cecil Avenue – Sixth Form end of school	4 th September	08:45 - 1500
9	Main School Gate on Cecil Avenue – Tennis Court Playground	4 th September	08:45 - 1500
10	Teaching School Entrance on Langley Road	4 th September	08:45 - 1500
11	Teaching School Entrance on Langley Road	3 rd September	08:30 - 14:45
12	Sixth Form Main Gate	3 rd September Surname A-K 9-11am , Surname L-Z 12-2pm	08:30 - 14:45
13	Sixth Form Main Gate	4 th September	09:00- 14:45

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Our school site is large enough to accommodate separate inside and outside break and lunch areas. However, at the start of the new term we would ask all pupils to bring a packed lunch and a refillable water bottle. Water stations will be available for pupils to refill bottles throughout the day. For pupils eligible for a free school meal, there will be a daily ordering system enabling pupils to select from a range of cold lunch options. Should any pupils wish to have a snack or drink at break we would ask that they bring their own.

Pupils will be required to attend in full school uniform and should bring essential equipment required to learn (including PE kit).

Whilst Ashton on Mersey is in a locally restricted area, there is an expectation that pupils wear face masks on corridors and in internal communal areas (not in classrooms). Pupils must also bring a sealable plastic bag to store the face mask when not it is not in use. Any face mask should be close fitting and an appropriate design. This link to a World Health Organisation short video about 'How to wear a fabric mask safely' is also helpful:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=27&v=9Tv2BVN_WTk&feature=emb_logo

Whilst standards of behaviour and appearance remain as normal, we shall be introducing additional rules and expectations around pupil movement and social distancing. The attached 'Pupil Guidance' document gives further detail. Pupils will be taught by their specialist teachers in double periods, full details of this timetable will be published on their first day in school. Pupils will also receive a comprehensive induction on Health and Safety.

We will maintain restrictions on visitors to the school. We ask that should you need to speak to a member of staff, that you contact the school via telephone or email. With this letter you will also find a parent guide on pupil attendance. As with all our initial plans, such arrangements are designed to support the safety of the entire school community. We would ask that all parents, carers and pupils are vigilant when following the latest guidance on Coronavirus.

All reopening communications and any further updates will be available on our website. I would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Mr L McConaghie

Headteacher

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