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Dear Year 7 Parent/Carer

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students to the Academy in September and I am pleased now to be able to share with you details of arrangements for the new term.

You may be aware that the Government published its guidance for schools on a full opening on Thursday 2nd July. Schools have been asked, as far as possible, to minimise contacts and mixing between children and staff. In practice, this will mean that students will be taught in year group ‘bubbles’. Year 7 has been allocated its own area of the Academy site; this includes classrooms to be used exclusively by this year group as well as a designated outdoor area. Year groups will be kept apart in their separate ‘bubbles’ and there will be no mixing of ‘bubbles’ during the Academy day.

Rather than travelling between classrooms and different areas of the Academy, Year 7 students will remain in their tutors groups and in their allocated classroom base for the majority of their lessons. Teachers will move between rooms in order to deliver specialist teaching. The only exception to this for Year 7 will be PE, where students will be escorted to specialist PE areas. Each year group will have its own designated toilet and hand washing facilities. At break time and lunch time, year groups will remain separate and access their designated year group areas only. **Further details will follow as soon as possible regarding the arrangements for the provision of lunch.**

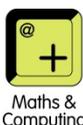
As all students arrive and leave via the same front entrance to the Academy in the morning, the beginning and end of the day will be staggered slightly in order to ease the flow of students moving through the gates at the same time and to facilitate social distancing. Updates and further details regarding bus provision for September will be available via the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTe) website.

Arrival and departure times for Year 7 will be as follows (we would ask, as far as possible, that students do not arrive on the Academy site until their designated start time):

	Arrival Time	Departure Time	Date of return to the Academy
Year 7	8:30am	2:50pm	Thursday 3 rd September

On arrival, students will be directed by staff to line up on the Head Yard (the playground at the front of the Academy, beyond the yellow arches) where they will be assembled in to tutor groups and directed to their classroom base. In order to facilitate the movement of buses and to ensure the safety of students at the end of the Academy day, we would ask that parents/carers who are collecting students do not drive on to the Academy site.

In order to minimise the sharing of equipment between students within learning groups and bubbles, we ask that students come to the Academy fully equipped with their own stationery, including pens, pencils, a rubber, sharpener, ruler and calculator. We also recommend that students bring enough water for the day in a re-usable drinks bottle.



All adults in school have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Please note, if your child is displaying any of the following three symptoms, they should not attend the Academy:

- High temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- New, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

The fully updated Academy risk assessment for September, to ensure effective infection protection and control measures are in place to support students, staff and parents/carers, will be available to view via the Academy website later this week. We will notify parents/carers when this has been published. Please be assured that the health and safety of our staff and young people will remain paramount as we respond to government guidance.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy should you have any questions or concerns. We very much look forward to working with you and your child over the coming months and years.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Curran
Principal