

September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

We are excited for Year 11 to return to face to face lessons at Outwood Academy City Fields this September. A full risk assessment based on government guidance has been followed to ensure students can learn in a Covid-secure environment.

Teaching staff have adapted schemes of learning to meet students' needs and the zones/blocks are ready for the year group bubbles. The students were a credit to themselves when they attended sessions in June and July and we want this momentum to continue in Year 11. There will be lots of opportunities for students to talk to key staff as we have selected specific mentors for this year group who know the challenges that Year 11 face. Ms Hough will also be on hand to help and support them through this year and her expertise is invaluable in terms of exams, next steps and support for students.

When students arrive on Tuesday they will be given HMGs (Horizontal Mentor Groups). Year 11 will be based in the Annex building and will only leave this area to use specialist rooms such as Food or ICT.

Years Y11 will start on Tuesday 8 September 2020

Student year groups will arrive and leave via the same set of gates. Student arrival times will be staggered. Students cannot access the site until their identified arrival time.

| Year | Entrance | Arrival Time | Lesson Start Time | Exit | Finish Time |
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| 7 | Arncliffe Road | 8.00 | 8.25 | Arncliffe Road | 2.30 |
| 8 | Warmfield View | 8.10 | 8.25 | Warmfield View | 2.30 |
| 9 | Warmfield View | 8.25 | 8.45 | Warmfield View | 2.50 |
| 10 | Arncliffe Road | 8.05 | 8.25 | Arncliffe Road | 2.30 |
| 11 | Arncliffe Road | 8.25 | 8.45 | Arncliffe Road | 2.50 |

The Academy gates will open no earlier than 8am for the first cohort of students, but we expect Year 11 on site by 8.40am at the latest to begin lessons at 8.45am. There is a small Magic Breakfast bar available to students who wish to have them which replaces our normal service however these will be based in the Year group bubbles.

There are handwashing and sanitisation stations throughout the Academy and students must make sure that they sanitise:

- upon arrival at school
- when in changing rooms
- returning from breaks and before/after eating
- before and after masks are used

Whilst we recognise that students will have missed the social aspects of school life and being together each day, students must not congregate in the open areas of the Academy at any time and must follow staff direction immediately.

Once students are dismissed at the end of the day they must leave the site immediately and not gather at either entrance or at the local shops. If students are using public transport they must wait in an orderly fashion and not gather in large groups together.

What can students do to help keep everyone safe?

- It is important to note that the expectations of behaviour have not changed and now, more than ever, students will need to behave in a safe, responsible and respectful way.
- Students should wear full uniform, including school shoes and there should be no jewellery or piercings. There should be no false nails or eyelashes, any other makeup must be discreet.
- Wash or sanitise hands frequently. As a minimum, this should be as they come into school, at break, before and after lunch and as they leave the school.
- Become independent learners and take responsibility for their equipment and books, during the day. This means having their own equipment, they can't borrow it from others. Students will be given exercise books.

Students need to bring:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Highlighter
- Calculator

Students are encouraged to bring:

- Protractor
- Compass
- Sanitiser
- Tissues

We look forward to seeing the school full with students again and fulfilling its purpose in the community. Thank you for your continued support, I speak for all staff when I say we cannot wait to have them back in the Academy.

Yours faithfully



Michelle Colledge-Smith
Principal