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Phased reopening update 08/06/2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Plan for the Return of Year 10 from Monday 15 June 2020

We are writing to give you information about how our academy will open to students in Year 10 and Year 12 from Monday 15 June. As you know The Milton Keynes Academy has been open to a group of children since the announcement of lockdown and during the academy holidays. This will NOT CHANGE for those students. They will continue to participate in our programme supported by our staff. Their day will also continue as before, 8.30am in the morning until 3.00pm, with normal break and lunch time.

However, since the government's announcement, we have been planning with the trust and our academy team to ensure that we are able to safely invite 25% at a time of our combined Year 10 and 12 students into school for some face to face teaching. Their time in school will be managed flexibly. This face to face teaching will supplement the remote learning (learning at home) which has been taking place since the academy closed. For children in Years 7-9, remote learning will continue.

As you may be aware, we surveyed Year 10 students and parents about what they wanted from any return to school and have taken this into consideration in our planning. Students said they wanted teaching in their core subjects and help from their teachers, while appreciating things cannot be as they were before the pandemic. If you have yet to feedback on our parent survey, I would urge you to do so because your opinion matters to us.

How will I know when my child is invited to return to the academy?

By the end of this week you will know if your child has been invited to return to the academy for some face to face teaching to supplement their remote learning. Attendance is by invite only. This is because we have to carefully risk assess for the number of students on site. You will receive an invitation by text.



What will I do if I am invited to attend the academy this term?

We have taken great care to ensure your child will be safe in the academy, if they stick to the rules of social distancing, thorough and frequent hand washing, as well as using tissues and disposing of them in bins. We are sharing our plans with you to allay any anxiety you and your child might have about returning to the academy. We would very much like you and your child to carefully read this letter, so you both know what to expect and are prepared for a different and safer way of working in school while the Covid-19 pandemic continues to put lives at risk.

- Year 10 students will be placed in groups which they will remain in for all of their teaching this term. You will be informed of your child's group, classroom and day in school in advance of Monday 15 June.
- Students will be at the academy for one day per week according to the group they are allocated. For the first week, 15 June - 18 June, students will follow 2 hours of personal and social education, health and safety expectations, study skills and how to use Teams, our IT platform for remote learning. For this first week they will start school at 10.00 and finish at 12.00 noon.
- From the week beginning Monday 22 June they will study over the 4 week period Maths, English, Science and either History or Geography. They will receive 3 hours of teaching per day in school, as well as remote learning.
- Students will arrive at the student entrance off the Woughton Leisure Centre Car Park for 10.00am and will immediately be shown into the academy. Students will proceed to their classroom in Discover or Achieve in a socially distanced queue. 2 metre distances have been marked out all around the academy and we will be operating a one-way system to and from the villages.
- Students will not have any time for social mixing and lunch will not be provided. All parents of children who receive free school meals will continue to receive vouchers.
- Students will be asked to sit at a desk that will be theirs for every day that they are in the academy.
- Additional day time cleaning is in place to minimise the risk of transmission of the virus.
- All students should bring a pencil case with pens, pencils and ruler/ if your child does not have the necessary equipment, they will be given a named see-through pencil case which will remain in school. Students must not share equipment.
- Students will be shown the set of toilets allocated to their class and no more than 2 children will be able to use the toilets at any one time.
- Water fountains will be switched off, so please give your child a bottle of water.



- Each village will be equipped with hand sanitiser and tissues. Students will be expected to practise good hand and respiratory hygiene.

What are the rules?

Our Behaviour For Learning Policy still applies but additionally we expect all students to respect social distancing.

- All students will be expected to maintain social distancing at all times whilst on the academy site. Please support us in reinforcing the importance of maintaining social distancing when students are walking to and from the academy. All children using public transport should cover their mouths and noses.
- Where there is deliberate NON-COMPLIANCE, you will be contacted immediately and your child will be sent home: social distancing applies at ALL TIMES. If students are unable to follow the rules, we will revoke the invitation to attend the academy this term.
- As shops will only be reopening on Monday 15 June and many children will have grown out of their uniform and shoes, we are temporarily relaxing the uniform for the remainder of the summer term. Students will be expected to wear a white shirt, black trousers and black shoes or black trainers. To limit the spread of the virus, we advise students to wash themselves thoroughly once they are home and to wash their clothes daily.

We understand that this is a worrying time for parents and children so please phone or email if you have any worries or concerns. Please label any queries **Year 10 Return**.

We thank you for your support and we look forward to welcoming back our students.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Seddon'.

Fiona Seddon
Principal