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## **Phased reopening update 08/06/2020**

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Re: Plan for the Return of Year 12 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 12 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 chosen 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 when 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 12 students will be taught in their subject groups and will remain in their groups during each session and then move into the Sixth Form Centre.
- Students will be invited into the Academy for two teaching sessions per subject between 15<sup>th</sup> June and the end of term. Each teaching session will take place from 10.00 - 11.30 am and then students will be escorted to the Sixth Form Centre for pastoral support, careers advice, help with UCAS applications and/or access to computers for study purposes. This will be an optional session.
- Students not wishing to stay for the second part of the session will be escorted off site at 11.30am and will leave through the front entrance.
- Students will arrive at the front entrance of the Academy. Students will be shown to their classroom, keeping to socially distanced protocols.
- Students will not have time for social mixing and lunch will not be provided. All parents of students who receive free school meals will continue to receive vouchers.
- Additional day time cleaning is in place to minimise the risk of transmission of the virus.
- All students should bring their own equipment. Students must not share equipment.
- Students will be shown the set of toilets allocated to the Sixth Form and no more than 2 students will be able to use the toilets at any one time.
- Water fountains will be switched off, so students need to come with their own bottles of water.
- Each area 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 students 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.
- To limit the spread of the virus, we advise students to wash themselves thoroughly once they are home and to wash their clothes daily. Students are expected to dress smartly but our dress code will be relaxed during this time.

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 12 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'.

**Fiona Seddon**  
Principal