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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome Back Plans September 2020

We are pleased to welcome back all of our pupils in September. We have missed the normal hustle and bustle of Academy life and are very much looking forward to welcoming your child back to the Academy. Our Academy is not just the fabulous building we have; it is the people that create our Milton Keynes Academy family – you, your children and our staff working together.

We know that the last few months have been extremely difficult for you and your children and we look forward to our next step towards normality. We intend all pupils to have a full timetable and for them to attend every day from September.

As you would expect, we will keep health and safety as our number one priority, while also ensuring that our young people can enjoy good learning, warm pastoral care, and much needed safe social interaction. To ensure this happens we have used the government guidance and adapted it to our Academy.

The **key points** are:

- We will group pupils together in year group “bubbles” and reduce contact between the “bubbles”. We will limit movement by keeping pupils to one village where possible
- Classrooms will be arranged with desks facing forward. In all but our computer rooms and science laboratories, this will be the case
- Everyone should regularly wash or sanitize their hands. We have had lots of hand sanitisers installed around the building
- Pupils and staff who are unwell should stay at home and actively engage in NHS track and trace. You will be informed of any instance of Covid-19 in the Academy
- More cleaning will be undertaken during the Academy day



Some of the key changes you need to be aware of are:

- All pupils should be in school from September, attendance will once again be compulsory. The school's attendance policy will be the same as before the pandemic. Absence will be followed up. If you are concerned about your child's return, please talk to us: do not keep your child at home
- Not all year groups will start back on the same day to allow us to teach and embed the new safety routines
- The start and end of the school day will be different for some year groups to prevent the intermingling of different groups of pupils (bubbles) as will breaks and lunchtimes
- The curriculum will be modified with the aim of returning to the normal curriculum by the Summer term of 2021
- We are seeking a solution to the inclusion of PE that reduces the risk of transmission in changing rooms
- We are expecting pupils to maintain social distancing in school. These measures will keep everyone safe
- Everyone who can walk or cycle to the Academy should do so, rather than taking public transport
- Re-usable face coverings worn on public transport should be placed in a plastic bag upon entering the school. Face coverings are not to be worn in school
- The Academy's Behaviour Policy is strengthened to reinforce respect for one another and the rules around good hygiene and social distancing. This will be sent to you during the holidays along with other documents about our reopening to all pupils
- Pupils will be expected to follow our guidance, for everyone's safety. Any breaches of safety protocols will be dealt with firmly

Please see the enclosed sheet, which outlines the routines for September.

During the holidays, we will be in contact again and you will receive full details of all the plans that relate specifically to your child and their year group. We realise that some pupils may be anxious to return to school and some may find it difficult, but rest assured our staff have worked tirelessly to make the necessary adjustments for next year. We hope that as the year progresses, we will be able to return to our more usual ways of working. However, we are aware that we do not know what the future will bring, and we will keep you updated with any changes to our plans.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the following:



- For Years 7, 8 & 9 Sarah Dorrian, Assistant Principal for KS3, on
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- For Years 10 & 11 Sarfraz Akram, Assistant Principal for KS4 and Blended Learning, on
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- For Years 12 & 13 Deborah Gockelen, Assistant Principal for KS5 and Specialism, on
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Wishing you and your family a restful and happy summer.

Yours sincerely

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

Fiona Seddon
Principal