



15 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Update: Changes to the school day - Monday 19 July – Friday 23 July

Due to the continued impact of Covid-19 on staffing levels at the Academy, the Governors have approved a continuation of the arrangements for the school day next week.

Your child will be expected to come to school at the usual time ready for morning line up. They will have form time and lessons 1 – 3 as normal. At 11.55am they will register with their period 4 teachers and then leave school to go straight home. They must be ready for their period 4 and 5 lessons, which will be set on Google Classroom. I cannot emphasise enough how important it is for your child to go straight home, particularly in light of the tragic and fatal stabbing of a teenage boy in Woolwich on Tuesday just after 5pm.

Students should complete their period 4 lesson at 1.00pm and their period 5 lesson at 2.00pm. Their work each day needs to be submitted to their teachers by 4.30pm.

It is not essential that they access a laptop or computer for this work, as sending in a picture of their work via phone will be sufficient.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, provision will be made for them to collect food to take home with them at the end of afternoon registration.

We know that this situation is far from ideal; however it is an important precautionary measure that we must take to stop and slow the spread of Covid-19 cases in school. This is particularly important in the current climate with increasing cases of Covid-19 cases in the borough of Greenwich and the surrounding areas.

Please can I remind you to ensure that your child takes a Lateral Flow Test over the weekend and then again in the middle of next week.

Please do not send your child into school if they are unwell with any of the following symptoms:

- A high temperature. This means you feel hot to touch on our chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- A new, continuous cough. This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A 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.

If you have any of these symptoms, use a Lateral Flow Test and if it is positive inform the Academy immediately and then arrange for your child to have PCR test.

On Friday 23 July, students will be allowed to wear non uniform; a full explanation of what students are not permitted to wear is on page 14 of the School Planner.



Please see the guidelines below:

Students are not permitted to wear:

- See-through clothing or strapless tops.
- Visible underwear/swimwear.
- Clothing with offensive/inappropriate slogans or images.
- Coats within the school building.
- Hoods up/wear hats within the school building.
- Shorts/skirts that are at minimum fingertip length above the knee.
- Clothing with rips/tears above the knee.
- Low-cut tops.
- Tops which expose their midriff.
- Leggings without the appropriate length top.
- Flip flops, backless footwear, or high-heeled shoes, for health and safety purposes.
- Additional piercings, such as eyebrow or nose piercings.
- Bandanas.
- If a student chooses to wear their uniform on these days, normal uniform standards apply and are not permitted to wear any of the following: jewellery, such as earrings, bracelets, necklaces and studs or makeup such as lipstick, lip-gloss, mascara, eyeliner, highlighter, bronzer, eyebrow products and any other cosmetic products (note that this may not apply when on school trips, but only at the discretion of staff members).

On Friday morning there will be planned activities for students in their pastoral year group, followed by a staggered dismissal from 11.00am onwards, with all students having left the Academy by 12.00 noon.

I will be sending my end of year letter to you next week with arrangements for the beginning of the new academic year.

Thank you for your ongoing support in what continues to be very challenging times.

With best wishes,



Miss S Malone
Principal
