



September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

## Arrangements for September 2020 – Updated

I hope that you and your family have enjoyed the summer holiday.

Further to our communication we sent to you before the holidays, I want to begin by emphasising how important it is that every single one of us plays our part in reducing the risk of spreading the virus. We have spent the last few weeks ensuring that we have in place procedures and facilities to make certain that we follow the government's updated advice about the reopening of schools. We trust every single one of our students to follow our procedures to the letter. [Back to School Initial Letter](#)

The new arrangements will take some getting used to: school is likely to feel quite a different place from the one we left on 20 March 2020. We will take our time, but our focus will be upon helping our students get back to studying hard as soon as possible in the safest way possible. If we all cooperate with each other, we can make the full reopening of our academy a great success. As you will have already read in our July letter, for the first half-term school will operate quite differently to normal. The key changes are as follows:

- **All students will be back in school in September and online provision for remote learning will cease.**
- **The students will follow their normal timetable, within their normal classes for each subject.**
- **We will create Key Stage “bubbles” and keep these bubbles separate, especially at social times.**
- **We will operate a strict one-way system in school. Students will be shown this in detail on their first day back in September.**
- **We will alter the structure of the school day, but the start and finish times will remain the same.**
- **Staff will be able to move between the “bubbles” so that we can have the right teachers in front of the right classes at the right time.**
- **There will be minimal practical work.**
- **There will be no extra-curricular activities.**
- **Homework will be set and completed electronically for most individuals.**

We will review the situation the week beginning 5 October 2020 and aim to return to our normal school arrangements for the second half of the autumn term.

In addition to the information sent in July, there is further useful information detailed below:

**IMPORTANT: Students showing signs of illness The main symptoms of Covid-19 are:**

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your 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 3 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've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

To help us keep the school safe and open, please do not send your child into school if they are feeling ill and especially if they have even just one of the symptoms listed above. If students are poorly and show any of these symptoms, we will contact their parents to come into school to collect them from our Covid-19 isolation room. If in any doubt, please look after your child at home. Students who show any of the main symptoms of Covid-19 must be tested for the virus. Details of how to be tested can be found [here](#). School reception will give you a letter if we have to send your child home because they are symptomatic. Students who are symptomatic will not be allowed back into school until they have been tested for Covid-19 and school has been able to verify the result of the test.

**Reminder: Arrangements for the first week of term**

The school term begins on Monday 7 September 2020. The details for that week are as follows:

- Monday 7 September 2020: Staff training day – school closed to students;
- Tuesday 8 September 2020: School open from 1:10pm to Year 7 students only.
- Wednesday 9 September 2020 onwards: School open to all students.

**Visiting the school**

Parents must not visit school unless it is an essential, prearranged visit. If you have a question or query and need to speak to a member of staff please telephone 01723 512354 or email [admin@fs.ebor.academy](mailto:admin@fs.ebor.academy), rather than visit the school in person. To ensure the safety of our reception staff only one visitor per time will be permitted to enter the reception area and you will be requested to kindly queue up outside, respecting social distancing guidelines. **All visitors must sanitise their hands as soon as they enter the building and must complete a Track and Trace form.**

### Travelling to and from school

We strongly encourage students to walk or cycle to school.

For students travelling by bus, it will help if individual students can sit in roughly the same seat every time s/he uses the school bus. This will help us track and trace any students who may be affected if one student tests positive for Covid-19. One of our buses, the Shoreline 343S service, is classed as a public bus and so students aged 11 or over must wear a face mask. A system will be in place to safely remove and dispose of non-reusable masks at the start of each day. Reusable masks must be safely stored in students' bags.

At the end of the day, we will stagger students leaving their classrooms by a few minutes, so that we minimise the mixing of students. Students who have walked or cycled to school should leave the site immediately. Students travelling home in taxis or on the school buses will sit in separate areas of the Dining Room.

### Toilets and drinking water

Following the advice of Public Health England, we are focusing some of our increased hygiene practices around toilets, which need, for obvious reasons, to be kept extremely clean. Consequently, we are expecting students to manage the day so that they do not have to go to the toilet during lessons unless it is an absolute emergency. At break and lunch only one student is allowed in a toilet at a time. Any students found hanging around in toilets unnecessarily will face disciplinary consequences. Drinking water fountains have been turned off as they are a potential site for spreading the virus. If your child wants to drink water during the school day, he or she must bring their own full drinking bottle with enough water to last for the day. We will also have a supply of bottled water for sale at break and lunchtime.

### Lunchtimes

We have staggered lunchtime to enable student bubbles to remain separate at these times.

### Before and after school

For the first half-term there will be no before or after school provision in school. We will review the situation regarding both of these aspects of our provision on a weekly basis.

### School Uniform

Usual expectations regarding school uniform will apply and we will expect our students to maintain their usual high standards. Mobile phones should not be brought into school.

## Equipment

Students should ensure that they bring their full range of classroom equipment/stationery into school with them as students cannot share equipment and staff will not be able to give students spare equipment due to the threat of spreading the virus. A full list of required equipment and stationery is as follows:

Black pen and spare	Planner
Pencil	Locker key (when issued)
Ruler	Rubber
Protractor	Reading book

## Practical Work and PE

There will be little practical work in the first half-term to minimise the risk of spreading the virus. However, due to changes to the DfE guidance, PE lessons will go ahead as normal but with extended times for changing to allow smaller groups to use the changing rooms at any one time.

## Enhanced Cleaning

In order to prevent the spread of the virus, we have enhanced cleaning provision in school. We will be asking students to play their part in minimising the risk of spreading the virus by assisting us in the cleaning of desks at the end of each lesson. Anti-bacterial spray and wipes will be available in all classrooms. Similarly, students will be asked to use hand sanitizer at lesson change overs and at the end of social times.

## Face Coverings

In line with the updated guidance from the DfE we will be issuing all members of staff with visors. These visors will be worn in communal areas, at lesson changeovers and at social times. We **strongly advise** all students to bring a clean appropriate face covering to school every day and to wear it as they walk around the buildings. Students may also wear it in lessons if they wish. Face coverings should be plain or patterned; they must not have text on and should not be offensive or inappropriate. For non-disposable face masks, please ensure that these are washed and cleaned in line with government health and safety guidance.

### Bags and Lockers

Students will be allowed to carry their bags with them from lesson to lesson and so this will minimise the need to use their locker. Students will only have access to their lockers at specific times to maximise social distancing measures. Students will not be allowed out of their classroom to go to their lockers and so it is important that they keep everything they need with them.

We are really looking forward to seeing our young people and getting our school fully operating again.

With kindest regards and warmest wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Cartmail".

Terry Cartmail  
Headteacher