



The Featherstone Academy

4 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

WELCOME BACK

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well. I am so pleased to be welcoming students back into the Academy this September after such a long break.

I want to take this opportunity to reassure all parents and carers that we feel we have implemented a large number of measures in order for staff and students to return to working in the academy as safely as possible during this pandemic.

The academy risk assessment has now received Trust Board approval and clearly details each measure. This can be found on the Academy website for you to reference.

We are conscious that throughout this pandemic there has been an ever changing picture and we will adapt quickly to any changes the government or local authority ask us to make. As always we will endeavour to keep you informed if we feel the need to adapt our current approach in any way.

Over the next couple of pages we have reiterated some queries raised by parents and some new procedures we will have in place at this time. Some of this information has been updated again since we published our initial guidance on the website on Tuesday 1 September.

Thank you for your continued support.

Stay safe

Mr W Bush
Head of School

KEY INFORMATION REGARDING STUDENTS' RETURN TO THE ACADEMY

Main Reception	<p>This will be closed to all parents/carers. For any queries or meeting requests with a member of staff, please telephone us on 01977 698000 or email: info@featherstone.academy in the first instance.</p> <p>If a parent/carer is bringing items to school for students (i.e. PE Kit, medication), to avoid cross contamination, upon arrival you will be asked to place these items in a specific location by Reception and then leave site. The student will be then be brought to the location to collect the item(s) you have left. Please ensure you place any such items in a named bag.</p>						
Start and Finish Times	<p>From September 2020, we will have staggered timings in place. Staff will at each entrance to direct students to their correct location.</p> <p><u>Start and finish times:</u></p> <table data-bbox="523 1137 1396 1496"><tr><td>Bubble 3 – Years 10 and Year 11</td><td>8.15am – 2.40pm Front Gate, entrance A, exit A</td></tr><tr><td>Bubble 2 – Years 8 and Year 9</td><td>8.25am – 2.30pm Front Gate, entrance B, exit B</td></tr><tr><td>Bubble 1 – Year 7</td><td>8.35am – 2.20pm Front Gate, entrance C, exit C</td></tr></table> <p>A full breakdown of the academy day can be found here: http://www.featherstone.academy/parents/the-school-day/</p>	Bubble 3 – Years 10 and Year 11	8.15am – 2.40pm Front Gate, entrance A, exit A	Bubble 2 – Years 8 and Year 9	8.25am – 2.30pm Front Gate, entrance B, exit B	Bubble 1 – Year 7	8.35am – 2.20pm Front Gate, entrance C, exit C
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Uniform	<p>The usual expectations regarding our uniform will be in force and can be found here: http://www.featherstone.academy/parents/our-uniform/</p> <p>We will not be able to loan uniform out for the foreseeable future and the appropriate sanction will occur if a student has incorrect uniform.</p>						

PE Kit	When students are timetabled for PE, they will be expected to come to school wearing their PE kit – click the above link for the correct kit to wear. They should bring their full uniform with them in a separate bag to change into if required after the lesson.
Equipment and Planners	<p>All students will be required to bring in their own equipment for lessons – equipment will be available to purchase during Registration only from the designated area within their bubble. Please ensure students have plenty of change where possible as we do not carry an excess amount of change.</p> <p><u>List of equipment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black or blue pen • Purple pen (not felt tip) • Pencil • Pencil Sharpener • Eraser • Ruler • Compass • Protractor • Glue Stick • Pencil Case • Scientific Calculator • English Dictionary <p>Planners will remain in school at all times. Any communication with parents/carers will be through the usual channels of text message, MyEd app, website and social media as appropriate.</p>
Provision of food at break and lunch time	<p>Our catering facilities will be providing a reduced menu of hot and cold food for students to purchase at break and lunch times.</p> <p>Students can put money on their finger using the cash machine or add notes using the provided envelopes as previous years. This procedure was explained to Year 7 students on their first day.</p> <p>Students are welcome to bring their own packed lunch if they prefer.</p>

<p>Use of Masks and Testing</p>	<p>Students <u>will not</u> be required to wear masks in lessons, in communal areas or on entry/exit to the academy, however this is subject to change in the event of a localised lockdown and you will be informed accordingly.</p> <p>Students <u>will not</u> be tested weekly for Covid-19. Procedures have been put in place in the event of a student or staff member displaying symptoms of Covid-19.</p> <p>Full details can be found in our updated Risk Assessment – click here: http://www.featherstone.academy/wp-content/uploads/Full-Reopening-Risk-Assessment-Sept-2020.pdf</p>
<p>Sanitising / Cleanliness</p>	<p>All our bubbles will have their own break time and lunch time.</p> <p>Hand sanitiser is provided at every entrance, outside classrooms and at strategic locations around the academy. All students are expected to use these or their own before entering the building/classrooms.</p> <p>Cleaning regimes have been increased around the academy and the Dining Hall will be cleaned between each sitting at break and lunch time.</p>