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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well. We are now at the end of our fourth week of our new Academy year, and this seems a good time to make contact to remind you of absence reporting procedures and to give you an update as to how our students are getting on.

Our priority has been to ensure that our students feel happy and confident upon returning to the Academy after what, for many students, has been a period of almost six months. I am delighted to inform you that the return for students in Years 8-11 and Year 7's start, has been better than any of us could have imagined. This is down to our students' resilience and to your support at home. We are incredibly proud of our students and I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring this positive start.

A small minority of our students have struggled to re-adjust to existing and new routines. We need your support in applying ICA's high standards of uniform [Uniform Policy](#) and behaviour [Behaviour Policy](#) you will have been informed by your child's teachers, Form Teacher or Head of Year when there have been any issues. We will continue to notify you via email of any infringements of our behaviour policy by your child, and it is hoped that you will discuss this with them in order to avoid any further issues which will incur sanctions. This can be avoided by working with us so that students are given a consistent message regarding our expectations and sanctions. Routines are so important to ensure the continued safety of students and staff. Please see below:

Routines and Expectations:

1. Students arrive promptly at staggered times to their Year Group outside space, line up in Form Groups with face covering on, in alphabetical order and are silent on the whistle.
2. Students have their temperature taken, given hand sanitizer and are escorted by their Form Teacher to their Form room.
3. At the end of a lesson, students stand behind chairs with face coverings on and wait for dismissal.
4. At break and lunch times **all** students will be expected to go outside in all weather so please ensure that your child has an appropriate outdoor coat and umbrella.
5. All students **MUST** wear their face covering in any indoor communal area/corridor without being told to do so.
6. Respectful and sensible behaviour is expected at **all times**.
7. Full uniform must be worn correctly and with pride.
8. Students are expected to use hand sanitizer and wash their hands regularly throughout the academy day.

Covid Advice

We have sent out a letter from the Department for Education explaining this in detail but please remember, should your child receive a positive test result for Covid-19, you **must** contact the Academy immediately on 0161 537 0660. In the event of this, you will be asked questions to allow us to complete a questionnaire

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which be used to establish close contacts. Following this, the Senior Leadership will meet immediately and contact the Department for Education for specific advice.

If we are advised by the Department of Education to close a bubble:

- students in the same bubble or who have had close contact with a positive case will be taken to the Performance Hall where they will be addressed by the Senior Leadership Team.
- Actions will be communicated to parents/carers as soon as possible.
- If we are advised that your child has been in contact with a person who has tested positive, your child must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. This is to reduce the further spread of Covid-19 to others in the community. Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the self-isolation period.
- You will be informed of the return date and will be provided of details of expectations regarding home learning from home [learning-from-home](#) . If your child is well at the end of the 14-day self-isolation period, they can return to the Academy. A negative test does not mean that your child can return to the Academy earlier than the 14-day self-isolation period.

We sincerely hope that we do not have to send any students home but we do need to be prepared for any eventuality.

In the meantime, students without Covid-19 symptoms or any other contagious illness are expected to attend the Academy. Having missed so much time, it is more important than ever that your child attends the school every day. However, if your child is absent for any reason (including Covid-19 symptoms) it is vitally important that you contact the Academy every day, even if you have told us the reason for absence on the first day). This is to avoid our Attendance Team having to make any unnecessary home visits.

Needless to say, we are here to support your children. The safeguarding and pastoral teams have already implemented targeted support for students who are struggling to settle back into Academy life. Please contact your child's Form Teacher or Head of Year if you have any concerns.

Thank you again for your support in ensuring that we have had a really positive start to the academic year.

Yours faithfully

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