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Principal: Mrs Samantha Broome

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to be able to write to you and share with you some of the proposed changes the Academy will be making following the further easing of lockdown restrictions on the 21 June 2021. We are looking forward to safely easing some of our coronavirus safety measures in order to provide our pupils and students with more flexibilities and freedoms around the Academy site.

Outlined below are the key changes the Academy will be making to our on-site provision from Monday 21 June 2021. In advance of these changes, all staff, pupils and students will be fully supported to understand how these changes will be implemented and the safety steps we will continue to take to keep people safe whilst in the Academy. An updated copy of our risk assessment, that allows for these changes will be available on our website prior to the 21 June.

A summary of key changes from 21 June 2021

- Pupils will be able to access classrooms from across the Academy in line with a new timetable they will be issued. This will mean access to specialist teaching spaces in subjects such as Science, Technology and Music will now be available to all year groups.
- Pupils will no longer have to use their designated zone group toilet when accessing the toilet during or between lessons. Pupils will be directed to access the toilet closest to where they are based.
- Across each Academy block a one-way system will be in place and it is essential that all pupils follow this system as directed. Pupils will be shown how this system works in advance of the 21 June 2021.

A summary of things that will remain the same for the remainder of the academic year

- Parents should continue to report any positive coronavirus cases into the Academy as we will continue to implement our close contact tracing process.
- Pupils will continue to have a staggered start and end to the Academy day.
- Pupils will continue to access separate social spaces (both indoor and outdoor) at lunch and break time and will remain segregated from other year groups during this period of time.
- Pupils will continue to access their directed toilet facility during break or lunch.
- Pupils will continue to have their form period in their year group zone.
- Pupils should continue to wear their PE uniform to the Academy on their timetabled PE day. Our PE changing facilities will continue to be out of use for the remainder of this term.
- Pupils will still be expected to follow all other health and safety measures such as the sanitisation of hands; social distancing from Academy staff and the wearing of lanyards for identification purposes.

Timetable for all pupils/students from week commencing 14 June 2021

There will be a change to Year 9 and Year 10 start and finish times from the 14 June, this is to enable all year groups to have form learning time in the morning. Outlined below are the start and finish times for each year group.

Year 7

Start 8.45 am – Finish 3.00 pm

Year 8

Start 8.30 am – Finish 2.45 pm

Year 9

Start 8.45 am – Finish 3.15 pm

Year 10

Start 8.30 am – Finish 2.45 pm – 3.45 pm

Year 12/13

Start 8.45 am – Finish 3.00 pm

Reporting positive coronavirus cases to the Academy during the Spring Bank Holiday break

Should your child test positive for coronavirus during the Spring Bank Holiday break it is important that you continue to report this to the Academy. Positive cases should be reported to enquiries@ossett.accordmat.org The Academy will continue to undertake track and trace work during the Spring Bank Holiday break to help reduce the transmission of the virus in the local community.

Where close contacts of positive cases are identified, parents/carers will receive an MCAS or text message notification. Further advice and support on the self-isolation process can then be found by following the links below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>

Furthermore, I would strongly advise all our pupils and their families to continue to follow the latest government guidance in relation to coronavirus restrictions. By following these restrictions, we can work collectively to minimise the transmission of the virus and the impact on the education of young people within the community. A copy of the latest government guidance and advice can be found by following the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

I very much look forward to being able to allow our pupils greater flexibility from the 21 June, but please rest assured Ossett Academy will continue to ensure that the safety of pupils and staff remains of paramount importance moving forward.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Broome
Principal