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**Principal:** Mrs Samantha Broome

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Dear Parent/Carer

Further to the announcement from the Prime Minister on Monday and despite the extension of national restrictions, we believe that we are safely able to proceed with moving pupils back into their subject specialist classroom spaces as outlined in my letter on 28 May. We believe that by taking this step we can provide our pupils and students with greater access to specialist equipment and resources both of which are invaluable in supporting the effective delivery of the curriculum.

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, this week, 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. Year group zones will only be in place during form time. This will mean access to specialist teaching spaces in subjects such as Science, IT, Technology, Art, Drama and Music will now be available to all year groups.
- Pupils will be asked to wipe down their desks and seats both before and after use. This will be closely monitored by classroom teachers in every lesson.
- 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 but will still need to be escorted to this facility by a member of Academy staff.
- Across each Academy block a one-way system will be in place and it is essential that all pupils follow this system as directed. This one-way system will be supported by all Academy staff who will closely monitor pupils and students to ensure they are following this system. Pupils will be shown how this system works in advance of the 21 June 2021, with our Year 7 pupils having some additional orientation activities across the week to support them to familiarise themselves with the building.

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 should continue to engage in our Lateral Flow Testing Programme twice weekly and report the results of their test via the link on the Student SharePoint area.
- 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 times 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 upon entry to a building or classroom; social distancing from Academy staff and the wearing of lanyards for identification purposes.

I very much look forward to being able to allow our pupils access to their subject specialist spaces from the 21 June as I believe this will support the delivery of our curriculum at all key stages, 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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S Broome".

Mrs S Broome  
Principal