



# Padgate Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your families are well.

### **Inset day – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Just a reminder that we have an inset day on Friday and there will be no online lessons on that day. As ever, if you need any emergency help or support then please contact us via [info@padgateacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@padgateacademy.co.uk) or through our social media channels and a member of staff will be in touch.

### **Year 10**

I wanted to put on record how incredibly impressed we have been at the maturity shown by year 10 as they have returned for face to face sessions. I can imagine that there will have been some students and parents/carers very anxious about how it would be, but I am pleased to say that it has gone well. It has been lovely to see them return to the Academy building, they are all keen to see staff and students and benefit from some face to face staff support.

### **Years 7-9**

As you may be aware, we welcomed year 10 back week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> June with a small group tutorial session. The purpose of this was to see how they were coping with the lockdown, to see if there was any support they needed and to check they have all the resources required to continue learning at home. Students all reported that they found the opportunity to meet with staff useful.

I would like to extend this offer to years 7-9 and invite all students in for a small group session before we break up for the summer, with our last day of term being Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Again, this will be with a member of the pastoral team to establish how students are and to check they have all they need to support them with their home learning. It will be lovely to see all our students before we (hopefully) return again in September.

Your child will be given a **1 hour time slot on a specific day, they will also need to enter and exit the Academy through the K Block entrance.** All meetings will be held in K block (The Hub) as it has been set up as a 'bubble' meaning that students in this block will not come into contact with other staff and students onsite. It is absolutely crucial that they DO NOT stray from these instructions at any time. I know they may be tempted to want to go and see their friends or other staff but they must not do this.

The block has a handwash station and students will be directed to wash their hands upon entry and make their way to their dedicated seat. They do not need to wear their uniform for this meeting but they need to make sure that they are suitably dressed to attend the Academy. All online provision will continue as normal until the end of term. This has all been carefully risk assessed and a copy of the risk assessment is available for parents/carers to view on the Academy website – <https://padgateacademy.co.uk/coronavirus>.

### **Attendance**

**No one with symptoms of coronavirus should attend school for any reason.** If a family member suffers symptoms, then children should not return to school for 14 days, if a child themselves displays symptoms, the guidance is that they self-isolate for 7 days. You will also need to inform school of this.



All those children eligible to attend school, and members of their households, will have access to testing if they display symptoms of coronavirus. This will enable them to get back into education, and their parents or carers to get back to work, if the test proves to be negative. To access testing, parents/carers will be able to use the 111 online coronavirus service if their child is 5 or over. Parents/carers will be able to call 111 if their child is aged under 5.

If someone in their household is within the extremely clinically vulnerable group, children should not attend school.

Children classed as 'clinically extremely vulnerable' due to pre-existing medical conditions have been advised to 'shield' and should not attend, and should continue to be supported to learn at home as much as possible.

Attendance of 'clinically vulnerable' (but not 'clinically extremely vulnerable') children are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus, parents/carers should follow medical advice if their child is in this category. Please keep us informed.

Attendance of a child who lives with someone who is 'clinically vulnerable' (but not 'clinically extremely vulnerable', including those who are pregnant can attend school (aligned with Government Guidance). Attendance of a child who lives with someone who is 'extremely clinically vulnerable' are not expected to attend school. They will be supported to learn or work at home.

Eligible children – including priority groups - are strongly encouraged to attend school, unless they are self-isolating, or they are clinically vulnerable (in which case they should follow medical advice). Families should notify the Academy as normal if their child is unable to attend so that staff can explore the reason with them and address barriers together. Parents/carers will not be fined or penalised for non-attendance at this time.

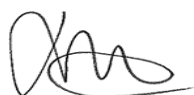
We recognise that parents/carers and students may be returning with some level of anxiety. Please be assured that we have done everything we can to ensure the safety of staff and students and will continue to do so. We have remained open throughout the lockdown, supporting our Key worker and Vulnerable students and now EHCP and year 10 students and we have adapted our plans in keeping with Government guidance to keep them all safe as we evolve throughout the pandemic.

The school building is very quiet without all the hustle and bustle of staff and students. We have missed them very much. We look forward to seeing everyone when we are able to reopen fully. We are still awaiting detailed guidance about September. As soon as this becomes available and we have had the opportunity to plan to implement the guidance I will be in touch with you. Please follow our social media channels as this is the best place for updates about the Academy.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support, we have all really appreciated it though this very challenging period. I would also like to thank my staff for all that they are doing at this time to make sure that we continue to support our students in these unprecedented times.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely



Mrs M Barclay  
Principal

