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Dear Parents/Carers

September re-opening arrangements – Year 8

As you know, the Government have published a series of guidelines to allow us to open the Academy to all students in September. We are looking forward to having the Academy community back together, but we have taken a number of steps to mitigate against the spread of COVID-19. The safety of our students, staff and school community has been our number one priority whilst preparing the re-opening plan. Current government advice for students and staff is to NOT wear face coverings in school. Face coverings should be worn if your child uses public transport to and from the Academy.

Visitors will not be allowed on-site (which includes parents) unless it is deemed to be absolutely essential; this will usually be at the end of the school day and for pre-arranged appointments only. Unless otherwise advised, please contact the academy via telephone or e-mail.

We have put in place a comprehensive cleaning plan for September and will provide hand sanitising stations at the entrance and exit to each building. Every classroom will also have supplies of hand sanitizer and cleaning equipment.

We have a comprehensive opening plan available on our website, including a risk assessment, which is available by visiting <https://padgateacademy.co.uk/coronavirus>.

As students return to school in September, we will be providing them with a full induction programme including details of how to stay safe in the Academy which all students will be expected to comply with.

Week beginning 31st August 2020

Monday 31 st August	Tuesday 1 st September	Wednesday 2 nd September	Thursday 3 rd September	Friday 4 th September
Public Bank Holiday	Staff Inset Day	Year 7 Arrival by 8:35	Year 7 - Arrival by 8:35 Year 11 - Arrival by 11:00 Year 10 - Arrival by 11:30 Year 9 - Arrival by 12:00 Year 8 - Arrival by 12:30	All Students to arrive by 9.35

Zones and Student Groupings

The government guidance for the re-opening of schools requires students to be grouped into “year group bubbles” so that the risk of infection and spread of Covid-19 is reduced. In order to do this each year group will be allocated a zone in the school in which they will receive the majority of their teaching. Students will only need to move to specialist classrooms (Technology, Science and Art). This will be done under staff supervision.



Each year group will also be allocated a specific area in the school for breaks and lunchtimes where they will only encounter students from their bubble (year group). Both of these measures are aimed at reducing movement around the school building and reducing the risk of students mixing with students from other year groups.

Year groups will have designated entrance and exit points into the school building so that we minimise any contact between students in different year groups. It is essential that students only use these designated points and that parents never enter the school site (including the car park). The Academy will also operate a one-way system to minimise contact on corridors.

Year 8 – Green Zone – N Block Downstairs

Your toilets are

L Block (Outside PE Changing)

Your entrance/exit is

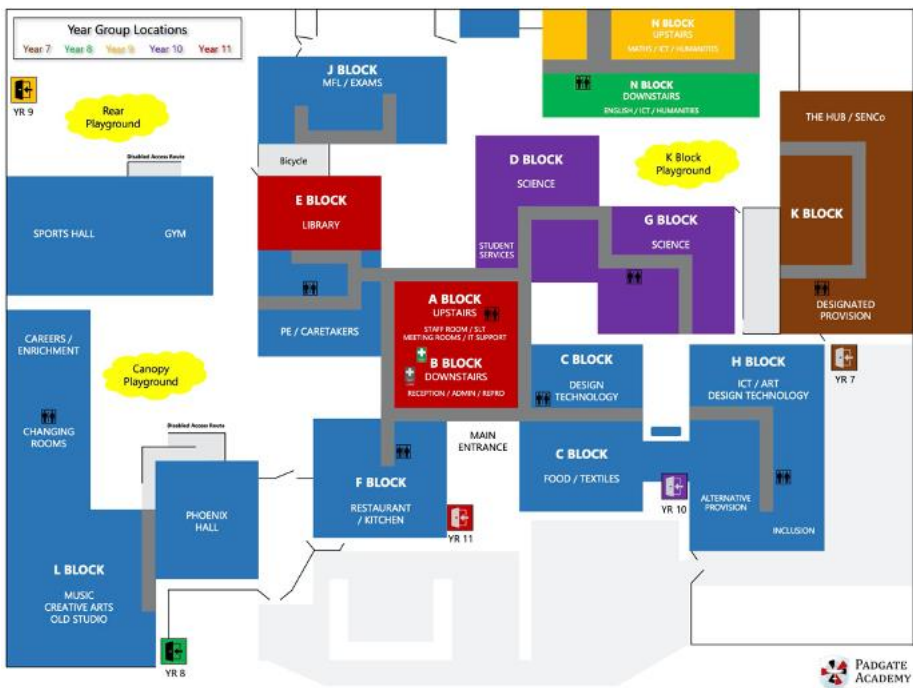
Main Entrance Gates

Your social area is

Canopy Playground

Your food area is

Restaurant



Please refer to the full re-opening document on our website (available by visiting <https://padgateacademy.co.uk/coronavirus>) for timings of the school day, year group entry/exit gates and doors, teaching zones and break/lunch zones. We will also share videos to support students on what to do as they arrive at the Academy before we return in September.

It is essential that students must arrive to the Academy on time at their designated entrance and must be onsite between 8:30 and 8:35am.

Curriculum

All students will continue to have their full curriculum entitlement. This means they will continue to study a broad and balanced curriculum that includes the subjects they have opted for at Key Stage 4. Students will continue to have their full entitlement of PE lessons; however, we will not be using the changing facilities onsite. On the days that students have PE scheduled on their timetable they should come to school in their official Padgate Academy PE kit.

Uniform and equipment

Students must attend school in September in full Academy uniform. In order for your child to be fully equipped for school in September, we would ask all students to bring in their own equipment including pen, pencil and ruler. Students will be expected to have a suitable school bag. To reduce the need to share equipment and mitigate the risk of infection we are asking students to purchase a scientific calculator, which they will require for a number of subjects. We are recommending that students purchase a Casio FX calculator (any model) as this will be the one that they will be most familiar with and will be the one used in examinations. If you need any support with this, please let us know.

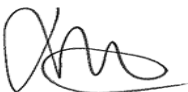
Lunch

As we are required to keep students within their year group it is not possible for us to offer a normal lunch service. Therefore, for the first half-term we are asking all students to bring a packed lunch to school if possible. There will be an option to buy a packed lunch if students wish to purchase one. For students entitled to free school meals we will provide a packed lunch. We will also be unable to provide a breakfast club before school but will provide free fruit and breakfast bars for students to pick up as they arrive at their designated entrance. We will look to review this at the end of the first half term with a view to reintroducing hot meals as soon as is practical and safe to do so.

I am aware that there is a huge amount of information contained in this letter but please be reassured that we have taken every possible measure to ensure the health and safety of all staff and students. Thank you again for all your support in these strange and challenging times. I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely



Mrs M Barclay
Principal

