

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS & PROTOCOLS DURING COVID-19 FROM SEPTEMBER 1ST 2021

Whilst we are in this pandemic it is very important you follow these simple rules to protect yourself, your family and all members of staff or visitors.

Do NOT come into school if you or anyone in your household is unwell or showing any of the symptoms of COVID19 or is awaiting test results. (See back of document)

If during the day you develop any of these symptoms, please inform the member of staff immediately and they will tell you what to do and where to go until you are collected. Then follow government guidance on self-isolating and contact 119 as well as booking a test. ***You will be unable to return until you have taken a COVID19 test, if this is negative you can return when well, if this is positive you must inform the Academy and follow government guidance for isolation. You may be contacted by the NHS Track and Trace about your contacts.***

- We encourage all students to engage with Lateral flow testing twice weekly and record their results on the Academy website and NHS site. This includes testing on return from the Summer holidays.
- We strongly advise all students who are eligible to be vaccinated to do so. Currently this is students who are 16 and above and children aged 12 to 15 who have a higher risk of getting seriously ill from Covid – 19 or who live with someone at risk of catching it.
- Please try to minimize the use of **public transport wherever possible** and walk or cycle to school where possible. If your parent drops you off or collects, they should not remain to talk to others. If you have to travel via public transport please read the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): safer travel guidance for passengers](#)
- **You MUST arrive** through the correct gates for your year group (see end of the guidance). If you come with siblings you must each come through the correct entrance. You will be sent to the correct entrance if you come to the wrong one and then may incur a late detention.
- **Wash and/or sanitize your hands** on arrival and frequently throughout the day for 20 seconds.
- Wash **and/or sanitize your hands** after eating and going to the toilet and after removing and replacing your mask.
- You should **stay 2 m away from staff** at all times wherever possible/practical.
- Social distancing should be followed. You should stay 2m from friends wherever possible and at the very least 1m is safer.
- You should avoid shaking hands, contact or hug friends. **Please avoid contact** to minimize the risk of spreading this virus. This is ALL of our responsibility.
- Students **SHOULD continue to** wear face masks in **all communal enclosed areas where social distancing cannot be maintained**, this includes: in classrooms, on the corridors, in changing rooms, in the Dining areas (when not eating) and at lesson changeovers when moving around the Academy.
- Our recommendations around face coverings being worn in lessons has not changed. At this Academy we **strongly recommend** that face coverings should continue to be worn in classrooms and during any activities where social distancing cannot be maintained (except for PE lessons or other strenuous activities).
- You should follow the guidance below when removing and replacing masks and ensure it is back on before you re-enter the buildings.
- Masks must be worn correctly covering the nose, mouth and chin only. Safe wearing of face coverings requires cleaning of hands before and after touching – including to remove or put them on – and the safe storage of them in individual, sealable plastic bags between use. You should bring your own plastic bags to store your face mask. Do not touch the front of the face covering. Where a face covering becomes damp, it should not be worn and the face covering should be replaced. It is a good idea to carry a spare. If you use a reusable one, wash regularly in your normal detergent.
- Face masks should be plain, simple patterned or disposable surgical masks. It is advisable that you have more than one so that it can be regularly washed. There should be NO designs/logos/messages on the masks. Other types of face coverings such as buffs, scarves, snoods, balaclavas etc will NOT be allowed as these are not safety masks. The Leadership Team reserve the right to refuse masks or alternative face coverings that are inappropriate.
- Masks should be disposed of in the bins in classrooms and around the Academy.

- You will **leave at the end of the day from separate exits, closest to the building you have for period 5** wherever possible (a list of buildings entrances/exits is on the end of this guidance). You can meet with siblings after you have left the Academy but should go straight home and avoid mixing with other years and groups where possible.
- You **MUST stay in designated areas for breaks and lunch**. These are marked with red lines which must not be crossed at break or lunchtimes and sanctions will apply.
- During lunchtimes, once in your lunch zone, you **MUST NOT** cross back over the bridge towards the Tech/Science/PE blocks.
- During lunchtimes you must use the toilets associated with the dining area you have been allocated in your year: West Hall and West End Toilets. Canteen and KWB2 toilets (ground floor). Year 12 students will use their own toilets in the Sixth form area. Year 13 will use the KWB2 toilets.
- During lunchtime you must not be in a building where lessons are going on (unless in isolation or going to the Library/Reception) or if your lunch is in the canteen you will use the ground floor of KWB2 toilets and must not stay in the building. You must not return to any other building.
- Students will not be released from lessons during Period 4 to use the toilets – you will have to wait until break or lunch.
- If students need to go to the toilets and wash hands during the daytime this should be done before school, during break and the movement time between form and Period 1 only. Use of the toilet will not be an excuse for lateness to lessons. Students should not usually need to visit the toilet during lesson time in order to avoid unnecessary movement out of classes. However, in an emergency in lessons and the teacher gives you permission, you must use the ones in the same building (for Art/Science/Tech you would use the West End Toilets in these emergencies). You will not be allowed to go during period 4 as you will have your lunch during this time.
- **Lunches are staggered at different times**. See changes to years and times later in the document.
- You **MUST wear your ID badge at all times and it must be visible**. You must not change the lanyard. If it breaks or is lost you will need to purchase a replacement from the Reception with the correct one for your year. Students who remove lanyards off other students for any reason will be given consequences for breaching our safety protocols.
- You **MUST bring your own equipment** with you (blue/black pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and green pen). You **MUST** then bring this daily. You are responsible for bringing your own equipment/kit. Equipment cannot be shared. If you lose items you will need to purchase a replacement from a shop.
- You **MUST** carry your own equipment with you at all times, it should not be left in teaching rooms/PE during the day (except for a split lesson).
- Your equipment /keyboards and desks may need wiping at the end of lessons so your teachers may ask you to wipe this down before you leave. Please support staff. This is done for the health and safety of everyone on site.
- You **MUST** remain in the designated area on the yard at break time and use designated toilets. You should not mix with other years.
- Break snacks will be available for purchase only within your designated area (as shown on the map).
- Please remain in your allocated seat in your classrooms. Your teacher will advise where you are to sit. This is important for track and trace reasons as well as teachers usual planning. Teachers may change the seating plan from time to time and you must follow their instructions. C1-4 will be used if you break this rule.
- Staff will support you in class but where possible they will remain 2 meters away from you so please put your hand up or ask they will help. Do not approach the teacher's desk.
- During lesson changeovers you must go directly to class and not stop and chat in groups and across years. If you are late to lessons you will receive a late detention after school.
- There must be no play fights or jumping on/grabbing/pushing etc of other students anywhere in school and if you do then your HOY will be informed and there will be a consequence.
- Ensure you **follow the one-way systems** in each building and remain in single file and behave in a responsible and polite manner at all times by allowing space for people to move and pass along corridors and on the yard. There are markings on the yard, bridges and stairs, you should stay to the left. No running, you must walk at all times in buildings.
- Staff will follow the Academy behavior policy for anyone who breaks the usual rules and these rules above regarding Health and Safety. They will refer this as well to your Head of Year and Leadership Team. We consider

everyone's safety of very high importance and will issue serious consequences for those who deliberately place others at risk by their poor behaviour or defiance against rules.

- **If you breach these safety rules or other safety rules and put others at risk, we take this very seriously. This virus is a killer and you may spread the virus. Examples include:** play fighting, not wearing your identity badge, masks in designated areas, ignoring a seating plan, not following the one-way system, running in corridors, gathering in groups between lessons, in the wrong areas on the yard arriving at the wrong entrance or leaving by the wrong exit.
- Duty staff will inform your Head of Year who will isolate and investigate and then inform a member of the LT. The Leadership Team will consider this seriously and poor or reckless behaviour may result in a formal exclusion, to ensure the safety of others.
- **If you have a fight**, this not only places those involved at risk of physical harm but also in transmitting the virus and usually encourages a group to gather again putting others at harm. It also puts staff at risk physically and from the virus when they have to break up a fight. We take this very seriously and this will incur an exclusion not only those involved in the fight but will also lead to serious consequences for all students involved in any gathering/crowding/encouraging.
- Avoid coughing towards someone, "catch it, bin it, kill it". Any deliberate spitting or coughing in front of someone or around the site will incur a consequence as it places others at risk.
- All other Academy rules apply with regard to uniform, mobile phones, general behavior.
- **Full uniform is expected** including your ID badge. If you have lost this you will have to replace it at a cost to you/your parents.
- You **MUST NOT** place others or yourself at risk by breaking these safety rules.
- If you have any signs or symptoms you must inform a teacher/staff member who will follow the guidance. If you are sent home with suspected symptoms you will need to follow the guidance given. **You MUST get tested and then send in your results before returning to school.**
- Medical appointments should be arranged outside of school time. If there is an emergency appointment, you must have a letter from home or you will need to get written permission from your HOY in the morning during form time.

Buildings arrivals. Please enter in single file and socially distance from others wherever possible and go directly into your form building/rooms or stay within your designated year area boundaries as for breaktime.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FIRST WEEK BACK YOU WILL BE INVOLVED IN TESTING AND THERE ARE DIFFERENT ARRANGEMENTS – PLEASE SEE ACADEMY WEBSITE AND ENSURE YOU KNOW WHICH DAYS AND TIMES YOU ARE IN SCHOOL.

Year 7 arrive through the Reception (Keith Whittlestone 2 Building)

Year 8 arrive through Lord Street – Left hand side of path - Keith Whittlestone Building KWB1

Year 9 arrive through Lord Street – Right hand side of path – CBB.

Year 10 arrive through West Bromwich Road (next to PE) – Science/Food

Year 11 arrive through the side gate on the side path from the Walstead Road next to the staff car park.

Year 12 arrive through the old Academy Reception

Year 13 arrive through the old Academy Reception

Exits from buildings at the end of school

You should leave in single file and not gather outside the gates.

Science and PE lessons exit through West Bromwich gates (by PE)

Art and Technology exit through the path from the Walstead Road next to the staff car park onto Walstead Road

CBB exit via Lord Street – left hand side of path

KWB1 exit via Lord Street – right hand side of path

KWB2 exit via Main Academy Reception onto Walstead Road.

The only exceptions to this is for P6 or other after school classes/authorised activities/detentions who should leave from the main Reception.

Break zones, toilets and food outlet at break for each year group.

Year 7 – Zone around KWB2 as marked by lines. Food available in KWB2 foyer, follow the one way system. Use ground floor toilets in KWB2

Year 8 – Zone outside KWB 1 with section of yard marked by red lines. Food is available in KWB1. Toilets on ground floor in KWB1

Year 9 – Zone outside CBB with section of yard as marked by red lines. Food is available in CBB downstairs by Drama, follow the one way system. Use ground floor toilets in CBB.

Year 10 – Zone by PE and Science building. Food available by PE. Use PE Toilets.

Year 11 – Zone is on yard between West Hall and Music as marked by red Lines. Food available in West Hal dining area. Use West End Toilets.

Year 12/13 – Zone outside P16 block as marked by red lines between Y8 and Y10 zone or use P16 Common rooms. Lower common room Year 12. Upper Common room Year 13. Food available in Canteen. Year 12 and 13 students must stay apart from each other. Year 12 use Post 16 toilets. Year 13 use the KWB2 toilets.

Lunches:

Year 7 12.45-13.15 Canteen and Zone between canteen and KWB2 – Toilets ground floor KWB2

Year 8 12.15-12.45 Canteen and Zone between canteen and KWB2 – Toilets ground floor KWB2

Year 9 12.45-13.15 West Hall and Zone between West Hall and Music – West End Toilets

Year 10 12.15-12.45 West Hall and Zone between West Hall and Music – West End Toilets

Year 11 13.15-13.45 West Hall and Zone between West Hall and Music – West End Toilets

Year 12/13 13.15-13.45 Canteen and Zone between canteen and KWB2 – Y12 toilets in Post 16.
Year 13 Toilets ground floor KWB2

Please note

We want everyone to stay safe. Good behaviour and following these simple rules will ensure as far as possible we minimise the risk of spreading this virus. We will praise students for doing the right thing.

The updated Academy behaviour policy has details of rewards and sanctions and how we deal with accidental and purposeful/deliberate rule-breaking.

We will follow the DfE/Walsall Public Health Guidance below with anyone who shows any symptoms who have been in school:

What are the Symptoms:

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you have one or more of these symptoms, you must self-isolate straight away for 10 days – or longer if you still have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste.

If you become ill in school or at home, you **MUST** book a PCR test. You will not be able to return to school until you have been tested. The attendance team will advise you on this.

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)', which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 10 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (unless exempt – see below) should self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms or the day they took the LFT or PCR test if they did not have symptoms.

If you test negative

If you get a negative test result, this means you are at low risk of having coronavirus. Other members of your household can stop self-isolating. If you feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus, you can stop self-isolating. You could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until you are better.

If you test positive

If you get a positive test result, this means that when you took the test, you had coronavirus. You – and other members of your household – must continue to self-isolate (unless they are exempt) following track and trace advice.

If you test positive on a LFT test either taken in school or at home, you should then get a PCR test to confirm this. This should be booked on-line or call 119.

Close Contacts:

A close contact is a person who has been close to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. You can be a contact anytime from 2 days before the person who tested positive developed their symptoms, and up to 10 days after. This is when the virus can be passed to others.

A risk assessment may be undertaken to determine this, but a contact can be:

- anyone who lives in the same household as another person who has COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19
- anyone who has had any of the following types of contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19:
 - face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within one metre
 - been within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact
 - been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day)

If you are notified that you have been identified as a close contact of a positive case and you are aged under 18 years and 6 months, you will not have to isolate*. If you do not meet the criteria below, then you are legally required to self-isolate. From 16 August **you will not be required to self-isolate if you are notified you have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply:**

- you are fully vaccinated
- you are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

The majority of you who are aged under 18 years and 6 months will therefore not have to isolate.

Fully vaccinated means that you have been vaccinated with an MHRA approved COVID-19 vaccine in the UK, and at least 14 days have passed since you received the recommended doses of that vaccine.

***Important: If you are exempt**, you will usually be able to continue to go to work/school as normal but will be **recommended to take a PCR test**. However if you are a close contact we would also expect you to ensure you follow the Covid protocols rigorously and wear a mask; ensure you socially distance and minimise contacts with others as far as possible. This is in line with the government guidance.