

Dear Parent/Carer

Hello all!

So the first week is over! It's been a fantastic week. It has been great having the children back. Seeing them in their classes, working hard, spending time with their friends and smiling has been a real pleasure.

The attendance this week stands at 96% which is higher than it was before lockdown began. This is really good as the law has changed back and attendance is compulsory.

The children have been finding their feet and settling well to life in school. For the next few weeks, we will be assessing where they are at in the core subjects and planning their work according to their needs. We are still providing the full curriculum.

All the systems we have in place to manage the risk have worked well. We are constantly reviewing them both as an academy and as a Trust.

Here are some reminders –

- Pupils must only attend school if they or a member of their household do not have COVID-19 related symptoms.
- For those starting in Year R next week, the starting time is 8.30. Year R parents should know when their children are due to be in.
- Parents/Carers can drop off to all bubbles at the earliest time if they have more than one child.
- Parents cannot pick up early. Classes will hold earlier finishing children until the later finishing sibling is released.
- We are continuing with Malins Road gate as our entrance and Steerforth Close as the exit for Years R to 6. If the gates are locked when you arrive, please come to the main front gate. Nursery parents can continue to use the Nursery gate.
- Please ensure social distancing at all times.
- Children must be brought in and picked up by one adult when they are escorted. Years 5 and 6 may walk to and from school on their own. These children cannot bring in younger brothers and sisters. Parents and staff need to keep reminding children of going straight home or straight to school.
- Children can be left at the gate if you are happy that they know their way to the classroom. This would reduce the number of adults on the academy grounds.
- No face coverings or masks should be worn by pupils unless it is an emergency.
- Children will be expected to wear full uniform every day however, children can wear PE kit in on PE days (not after school club activities). Please ensure that the PE kit is school colours (black and white) and warm for the colder autumn days.

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- Parents/carers can only come in to school if they have an appointment unless they are bringing in medication. Please use year group email address or ring and speak to LaPs, Provision team or the Senior Leadership Team.
- The After School Club, Flyers 'til Five will be open. Places must be booked and paid for by ringing the main office. There is a flat charge of £5.
- No parent/carer cars allowed in the school car park. All children must be dropped in Malins Road. School Transport may use the car park.

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- Please try and stick as close as possible to your drop off and pick up times as there have been parents/carers standing in groups, especially outside the Year 1 door at the end of the day.
- For children who live far away, they may now cycle in to school. Parents will need to seek permission from myself or my deputy, Mrs Kies for their child to cycle to school. They must still come in the Malins Road entrance and wheel their bike around to the front of the school. They should not gather at the bike storage.
- Some children have used their scooter to come in. That is fine as long as the parent/carer takes the scooter home.
- All visitors to Flying Bull will be asked to wear a visor if they are working with children as they may have been working at other schools.

Staffing update

Mrs Griffiths will be taking on the role of Cover Supervisor from Monday as Mrs Seal leaves us today. We have employed a new Teaching Assistant for 3B – Miss Mustchin. and a new Teaching Assistant for 1KD – Mr Harvey. Mrs Wilkes was successful in gaining the role of 1 to 1 Teaching Assistant in Year 4, and Mrs Lyons will be taking on her role in the Nursery. These are all one year fixed term appointments apart from Mr Harvey's post.

I hope this all makes sense! If you have any questions or comments, please email me on head@fbacademy.co.uk.

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