

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear parents,

May I first thank you for your caution and consideration as you bring the children to the academy. Most of you are sticking to our social distancing rules and bringing your children on time. It is greatly appreciated, thank you.

**URGENT:** Please make sure that you have access to the Class Dojo App as should there be a partial lockdown of the academy, we will use Dojo to inform you about the education for your child whilst they are at home. There will be a further letter informing you of how we will blend our learning should there be a lockdown.

As you know, nationally, Corona Virus cases are on the rise. We want to do everything that we can to keep the academy open for all of our children long term and therefore we are making a few changes. We would also advise that in your own personal lives, you continue to social distance and wear face coverings when necessary to help protect us as a school community.

### **The office reception area**

Please only come to the office if necessary. If your query can be answered on the phone or via email, this would be safer. The office number is 01782 235055 the email address is [office@staracademy.attrust.org](mailto:office@staracademy.attrust.org). If you have to come to the office, there can be only one family at a time in the reception area. You must wait outside the main door and maintain a 2 metre social distance. As you enter the reception, please wear a **face covering**.

### **Social distancing**

Please make sure that you maintain a distance of 2 metres as you walk your children into and out of the Academy. Please do not wait outside of the academy gates as this is blocking the exit route. Please keep the pavements outside of the academy clear during drop off and pick up times.

### **PE KITS**

From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, we ask that children **come to the academy wearing their PE kit** on the day that they have PE. Whilst we can get them safely changed, it does not leave enough time for a quality lesson. The exercise is important for their physical and mental well-being and therefore we need to give them the maximum time.

The PE uniform can be purchased from LP clothing in Longton <https://www.lpclothing.co.uk/>

The uniform needs to be:

School logo T-shirt or plain white T-shirt

Plain black shorts

School logo/purple hoodie/zoodie

Plain black tracksuit bottoms

Trainers or black pumps

**PE days**

Monday	Year 5 and year 6
Tuesday	Year 1, Year 2, Year 5
Wednesday	Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, year 4
Thursday	Reception
Friday	Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6

**Bubbles**

From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, The Bubbles will be expanded to contain two classes.

Early Years will be a bubble

Year 1 and 2 will be a bubble

Year 3 and 4 will be a bubble

Year 5 and 6 will be a bubble.

This means that we can restrict the staff who have contact with the children and each other and still ensure that the children get the best education possible. It also allows us to contain different areas of the academy should there be an outbreak.

**Clarification of symptoms**

This is a really tricky time of year when children begin to get coughs and colds. It can be difficult for us all to make the correct judgement around this so it might help to clarify a little.

The symptoms of Corona Virus are:

- A high temperature
- A continuous cough
- Loss of smell and taste.

If your child or anyone in your family has any **one** of these symptoms, please do not bring the children to the academy. You must get a test and self- isolate for 10 days.

You can either call 119 or go to <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> for further advice.

If your child has a runny nose and a tickly cough, then they have a cold and, if they are well enough, they are welcome in the academy. They should not attend with a high temperature.

Thank you for your continued support,



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