

Tuesday 20th July 2021

September Arrangements

Dear Parents,

As you are all aware, lockdown has been lifted and that allows us to return to some normality from September. However, we do like some of the changes that have been put in place and have decided to keep them. The children return to the Academy on Thursday 2nd September 2021.

Start and end times:

All classroom doors will open at 8:40am ready for an 8:50am start of day.

The end of day will be 3:10pm for Nursery and 3:15pm for the rest of the academy classes.

Collection and one-way route

All children will continue to enter through their external classroom door and be collected from their classroom door at the end of the day.

We have decided to keep the bottom gate as an entrance and the top gate as an exit point.

The path around school will be open to allow parents in years 1-4 to walk around the building and drop their children off. Parents dropping off to EY (Reception and Nursery) can leave through the EY gate but need to cross the front of the school through to the exit gate. Year 5 and 6 children and parents can also walk across the front of the school to reach the classrooms quickly and then use the top gate to exit.

Bubbles

There is no longer a requirement for the children to be in bubbles but we are still required to keep the room well ventilated. This means that we can use staff across classrooms to maximise teaching – great news.

Face coverings

There is no requirement to wear a face covering but you are of course welcome to do so. Some staff may also choose to continue to wear their face covering.

We will continue to clean touch points in the school through the day and encourage good hygiene as we believe that this practice has reduced illness overall.

Uniform

Please ensure that your children come to school in the correct uniform, including PE kit, with their names clearly labelled. (Biro washes out so will need to be regularly rewritten). The uniform policy can be found here:

<https://staracademy.atrust.org.uk/parents/uniform/>

Resources

The children do not need to bring in any classroom resources, pencil cases etc other than their book bags with their reading book and reading diary in it.

Bags

Please only send your child to school with their book bag, no big bags please. Draw string bags should be used for PE kits as these hang safely on the pegs.

Water bottles

We encourage children to bring a refillable bottle of water to school with them. We ask that it is water so that children can keep their bottles on their tables with out the risk of spilling sticky juice on their learning.

Term dates – can be found attached. Please note that some of the INSET dates have changed recently.

Dojo

Staff will be not be looking at Class Dojo until September 1st. Please do not expect a response from them if you message in the holidays.

Support in the Holidays

If you find that you need extra support in the holidays, you can request a family support worker through an Early Help referral. This is not a social worker, but somebody who is trained to help families with all kinds of different situations. The number to call is 01782 235055

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about children in the community and would like to request additional support for them, the number to call to refer to Children's Advice and Duty Service (ChAD) is also 01782 235055.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Hopwood who has secured a position in the kitchen and to Miss Stanway who will be joining us as a lunchtime supervisor in September.

Goodbyes

Finally, we say good bye to our Year 6 children (and a few others who are moving on) Mr. Battrick, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Owen. We thank you all for being such a wonderful part of the Star community and we wish you all well. You will all be sorely missed.

We hope that you have a happy and healthy summer holiday and we look forward to returning back with some normality in September.

Kind regards,



Principal



Autumn Term 2021

Inset day: Wednesday 1 September (students are not in school)

Term starts: Thursday 2 September (students return)

Half term: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

Term ends: Friday 17 December

Holiday: Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

Spring Term 2022

Term starts: Tuesday 4th January

Inset: Friday 11 February (students are not in school)

Half term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Term ends: Friday 8 April

Holiday: Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 17 April

Summer Term 2022

Term starts: Monday 25 April 2022

May Day: Monday 2 May

Half term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Inset day: Friday 1st July

Term ends for children: Tuesday 19th July 3:15pm

Inset day: Wednesday 20th July (students are not in school)

Inset day: Thursday 21st July (students are not in school)

Term ends for staff: Thursday 21 July

Summer Holiday: Friday 22 July – Friday 2 September 2022

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