

15 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you and your families in good health. As we near the end of a challenging year, I wanted to write to both thank you for the continuing support, as well as looking forward to ensure a smooth start to the beginning of the new academic year.

As you will be aware, the government is progressing with Step 4 on the roadmap out of lockdown. As a Multi-Academy Trust, we are currently working with all our schools to plan the autumn term, based upon the current government guidance. Of course, as on so many occasions during the pandemic, this is inevitably subject to change, dependent on the progress made over the summer holidays.

The position is that, in the autumn term, there will be a need to test students upon them starting the new academic year. **Covid-19 Testing will be on a voluntary basis** and, as such, we are again seeking consent from parents to test your child(ren) in the first week back after the summer holiday. In order to aid our planning, if you would like your child to be involved in the testing programme – please complete the online form which can be found here <https://forms.office.com/r/t53qxsRmcG> by no later than **Monday 19 July 2021**.

I am sure you will appreciate that the testing of large numbers of students in the first week back is a logistical challenge, so I do appreciate your support in this matter.

It is also worth reminding you that, whilst the government is moving forward with Step 4, there remains a high level of COVID-19 transmissions locally. Therefore, keeping to the good practice we have adopted over the last year or so will help reduce transmission and keep each other safe. In short, as we take these first steps towards how things used to operate, keeping socially distanced, using face coverings in crowded areas and following the respiratory and hand hygiene systems is always worth keeping at the forefront of our minds.

Finally, for the return to school in September, we are planning a staggered start across most of our schools. This will ensure we can facilitate the voluntary testing of students and staff. The arrangements, for the school your child(ren) attends, are set out below. If you have any concerns or questions about any of the information in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant person at your child's school.

Regards



Michael Gosling
CEO – Trinity MAT

Arrangements for the academic year 2021-22

Wednesday 1 September

INSET – Academy closed to all students

Thursday 2 September

Academy open to **all** students as normal. COVID-19 testing will take place during tutorial time for those students whose parents/carers have given consent. Should any student return a positive test they will be required to self-isolate following government guidance. Parents/carers will only be contacted if a student returns a positive. Parents/carers will be required to collect their child once contacted.

The academy day

The academy will be open to students from 8:00am. Students can utilise the cold food dining area from 8:00am - 8:20am and breakfast will be available, should students wish to purchase any items.

The academy doors open at 8:20 am and students will be supervised by class teachers until their first period begins.

All students need to be through the academy gates by 8:25am to allow time for them to make their way to period 1, ensuring that no learning time is lost and the students are prepared for their day.

Students who arrive after 8:25 am will receive a late mark and a sanction in line with the academy's Behaviour for Learning Policy.

Breaks

There will now be three breaks:

Break one	9.30-9.45	Year 9/11
Break two	10.00-10.15	Year 7
Break three	10.30-10.45	Year 8/10

Times will differ on a Wednesday due to an extended tutorial; this will be communicated to students.

The newly refurbished cold food dining room will serve food and drinks during breaktime. One year group will use the cold food dining room and the other will use the main dining area. Students will swap each half term between the main dining room and the cold food dining area. Outdoor areas will now be opened and utilised during break and lunch times.

Uniform expectations

Uniform expectations are set out in the attached document. Please see link:

<https://bradford.trinitymat.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Uniform-Expectations.pdf>

You will be aware that Trinity Academy Bradford is providing a free blazer, a free tie and a £10:00 voucher to put towards the cost of other academy uniform items. A smart uniform will instil pride, support positive behaviour and discipline for all our students. If you have any questions regarding the uniform, please contact the academy office on 01274 882214, option 3, or via email contactus@bradford.trinitymat.org.

Please remember to order your blazer size by completing the Microsoft Form below: -

<https://forms.office.com/r/5Cx2EDB8e>

As of September, Trinity Academy Bradford will be continuing with the no jewellery policy. Students are permitted to wear a wrist watch only. No other jewellery of any kind is to be worn in the academy, this includes earrings of any description. Students wearing the incorrect uniform will receive a sanction and the Behaviour for Learning Policy will be followed in all circumstances.

Arrangements for PE

From September, students should come to school in full academy uniform. Students will now use the changing facilities to change for PE. PE kit must be worn in full. Please refer to the information above for further guidance. The Behaviour for Learning policy will be used where students fail to wear the correct PE kit.

Healthy Eating

We would like to remind parents/carers and students that whilst students are free to bring a packed lunch to school, we must insist that students adhere to the healthy eating policy and refrain from bringing in multi packs of crisps, share bags, packets of biscuits and family sized products. In addition, as of September we will not be allowing students to bring energy drinks or cans of any type, including fizzy drinks. Please note if your child is seen with any of the above, these will be confiscated.

Student Planners

All students will be issued with a new planner upon their return in September. Students must have their planner with them every day, and it should be placed on their desks during every lesson. The planner is designed to help students plan their work, manage their day and record achievement and attendance. The Behaviour for Learning Policy will be followed if students do not have their planner. Parents/Carers must look at their child's planner each week, and sign to say that this has been seen.

If a planner is lost or defaced in any way, students will be required to purchase a new one immediately, at the cost of £5:00.

We thank you for your continued support. Please have a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.

Yours faithfully



Nick Robinson
Executive Principal