



# Great Wyrley Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers

As we reach the end of the first full week in school since the end of March I thought I would write to welcome everybody back and to update you on how it has gone after all this time.

Firstly, let me thank you for your unwavering support during this most difficult of times. I'm sure that you appreciate the work and planning that has gone into us being able to open again. Staff have had to adapt to many changes and the messages of support that we have received from yourselves have been most welcome. All the decisions that we have made (in terms of structuring the day, changes to the site layout etc...) have been done to support the education, health and wellbeing of all staff and students. This has been paramount in our thinking.

Secondly, I have to congratulate and thank the students. The way that they have followed the new plans, arrived on time in the correct zones, engaged in their learning and, above all else, acted in a mature and safe manner has been outstanding. I am incredibly proud of them all.

Uniform is the smartest that I have seen since I became Headteacher. Students look professional and the correct shoes are being worn. I have been incredibly impressed so far. PE kit is also very smart. As we move towards the colder months can I remind you that PE tracksuits have to be black. Can I remind you that hoodies are not to be worn and will be confiscated from students. In addition, as per our uniform policy, all facial piercings are forbidden. Thank you for supporting us in this.

Please can you remind your child about social distancing and what their responsibilities are. They should still be trying wherever possible to maintain a distance between themselves and their friends and with staff.

Can I also please ask for your support regarding students arriving in good time for school but not excessively early. If students are early they should come into school and go straight into their year group zones. They should not be gathering outside the school gates. Once again they should be demonstrating good social distancing.

Can I remind you that parking on site is forbidden; our staggered start and end to the day and the use of different entrances for students means that students are walking across the car park from 8.20am every morning and from 2.40pm in the afternoon. Hence I have asked you to refrain from doing this to mitigate the danger to the students. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



We welcome four new staff this year: Mr Pattinson as Curriculum Leader of Business and Enterprise; Miss Slade as Teacher of Drama/English; Miss Nicholson as Assistant SENCO and Miss Jackson as Admin Assistant. We wish them all a long and happy time at Great Wyrley Academy.

You will be aware that some schools in the region have already had to adjust their plans after a student or member of staff received a positive Covid-19 test result. As ever, we will follow the Government and Public Health England guidance should this ever happen in our community.

All students have google classrooms set up already for all of their subjects. All homework is being set using the platform from now on. Should we need to revert to online learning we will be able to have immediate continuity in their education.

Finally, I wrote to you all at the very start of the academic year to say that in light of government guidance we had reviewed the rule regarding the wearing of face masks by students. They were permitted to be worn in communal areas and corridors but not in lessons. The number actually wearing masks is still very small. From Monday 14 September we are now suggesting that students should wear masks wherever possible in these areas (still not to be worn during lessons).

Thank you for your continued support. As ever, please contact us in school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



Ian Moreton  
Headteacher

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### **School Fund Contribution**

Each year we ask at the beginning of September for voluntary parent contributions to the academy (previously known as 'School Fund'). Many of the things we do for the students come at a cost which the school absorbs. In order to continue with this, we ask for a voluntary termly contribution of £10 (payable termly or as a one off £30).

This can be paid by your child's Sco-pay account. If you require a link code letter to access this account, please email Mrs Kavanagh at [jkavanagh@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:jkavanagh@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)