



Magna Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware the Prime Minister announced that the country will move to Step 3 of the roadmap on Monday 17 May. Consequently there has been updated guidance to education providers to reflect this. At the academy face coverings will no longer be required in classrooms from Monday 17 May (apart from in some Technology lessons where students are working face to face due to cooking spaces or work benches). Our students have responded incredibly well to the measures put in place to keep them safe but I am sure they will appreciate no longer having to wear face coverings during their lessons. We will continue to ask students and staff to wear a face covering when they are in communal areas as social distancing may not always be possible. However we will keep this under close review. All other covid safety measures will remain in place such as zoning, increased cleaning and excellent hygiene routines.

Whilst students are no longer required to wear face coverings within classrooms from Monday, I do understand some students may wish to continue to wear them and they will be permitted to do so whilst we are in the next phase of easing restrictions.

Home testing will continue twice a week and we ask that all families continue with this until further notice, including recording positive, negative or void results using the report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result [portal](#).

Finally, we are now undertaking much planning including detailed risk assessments regarding the possibility of future educational visits and transition events as although we are very keen to reintroduce these aspects, we will only do so if we believe it is safe for our community.

Enrichment

Since returning from the Easter Holidays we have been able to reintroduce our enrichment offer. This provides students with an opportunity to further extend their learning, try something new or just enjoy what they already know. We have had a fantastic response with over 100 students each Wednesday and Thursday evening taking part in the programme which includes Football, Tennis, BioMed and STEM clubs to name but a few. If your child hasn't attended an enrichment activity and wishes to do so please take a look at the enrichment section of our website, [found here](#), and use the Google form to sign up.

Uniform and equipment

The vast majority of our students have established good habits arriving on time at the academy, looking smart and fully equipped. We believe it is essential that students are fully prepared and equipped to learn each day. For this reason, we ask parents and carers to support their child in ensuring they are well-organised and bring the correct equipment into the academy each morning. We work hard to ensure all students are fully equipped. We provide uniform and equipment for Pupil Premium students, as well as other families that may have short-term financial worries. Therefore, we ask that all students take pride in wearing their academy uniform properly at all times.

Fiddle Toys

We have noticed a slight increase in the number of fiddle toys students are bringing into the academy. These fiddle toys are becoming larger in size and are causing a distraction to learning in the classroom. Therefore please can you reiterate the message at home that these items are to be kept at home and must not be brought onto the academy site. A small number of students with Special Educational Needs find using a small discreet tangle in their blazer pocket has a calming effect which can aid their concentration in the classroom. This arrangement needs to be something that has been discussed and agreed with either Mrs Orchard (Assistant Principal Inclusion) or Miss Norris (Deputy Senco). Unauthorised fiddle toys, along with any other non-academy based items will be confiscated.

Online Safety

Please find attached our most recent online safety newsletter, this edition focuses on the Nintendo Switch and Snapchat, offering some useful information on how to keep your children safer whilst they use these popular apps.

Many thanks for your continued support in helping us maintain our high standards. I will write again before half term to ensure families are kept fully up to date.

Yours sincerely



Ms N Ullah
Principal

Calendar dates:

Thursday 13th May - Virtual Subject Parents' Evening for Year 10

Monday 17th May - Virtual Subject Parents' Evening for Year 9

Monday 24th May - Final academy day for Year 13

Wednesday 26th May - Virtual Subject Parents' Evening for Year 8

Thursday 27th May - Final academy day for Year 11

Monday 31st May - Bank holiday

Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th June - Summer half-term

Thursday 22nd July - End of summer term

Tuesday 10th August - GCSE Results Day

Thursday 12th August - A Level Results Day

Thursday 2nd September - Staff Inset Day

Friday 3rd September - Year 7 and Year 12 Induction Day

Monday 6th September - Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11 and Year 13 return to the academy



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