



15 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a joy to welcome our young people back to school for the start of the new academic year last week and I hope this will bring another layer of normality to their lives.

The national attendance is approximately 90% but I am delighted that we are significantly above that figure:

Year 7:	98%
Year 8:	98%
Year 9:	94%
Year 10:	95%
Year 11:	98%
Overall:	97%

We are following Government directives closely and are doing all we can to make school a safe place for students and staff. Please refer to our Risk Assessment, which can be found on our school website www.stpaulsacademy.org.uk (About the School/Policies/Health & Safety Risk Assessment (COVID-19) Sept 2020)

If you have any concerns about your child's health, please refer to the COVID-19 Briefing Sheet for guidance. This information was sent to all parents and carers last week.

I would ask for your continued support and help with the following:

- **Punctuality**

Your child must be on site at the following times:

8.10am for morning sessions

12.45pm for afternoon sessions

From Monday 28th September, all students must be on site by 8.10am.

- **School Equipment**

Please ensure that your child arrives fully equipped and prepared for the day ahead. This includes a pre-filled water bottle marked with their name, a personal sanitiser, School Planner, stationery and equipment

- **End of day arrangements:**

Your child must go directly home at the end of every session, especially in light of recent Government announcements on the "Rule of Six" as a measure to target the rise of COVID-19.

We will continue with our blended learning system until Friday 25 September. From Monday 28th September, all year groups will be on site together.

Our aim is for each group, where possible, to keep within their "bubble" with distinct areas for line up, lunchtime and recreation.



During the week beginning 21 September, I will write to you again with more details of the lunchtime arrangements, including food which will be provided in the Restaurant and Food Pod.

Students are already familiar with the one-way system at lesson changeovers and we will continue with this system. Students may also wish to wear clean face covers or masks at changeovers and in communal areas.

There are no requirements to wear face masks in classrooms as other measures to safeguard students have been taken.

Please encourage your child to walk, cycle or scoot to school and where possible, avoid public transport.

Our journey this academic year is going to be long and hard, but knowing that we are all supporting each other on this journey together will bring us hope and optimism.

Thank you for your continued support.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Malone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'S'. A horizontal line is drawn underneath the signature.

Miss S Malone
Principal