



September restart information for Parents, Carers and Students

We are delighted that South Shore Academy will be able to welcome all our students and staff back to the Academy in September. The government has published their guidance regarding the full reopening of schools in September and we are now looking forward to being able to welcome all our students back into the building full time. To help with this the Department for Education released guidance for a summer opening, - you can read the guidance here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

September 2020 planning is underway to ensure that we can fulfil all health and safety guidance on preventing the transmission of Covid-19 and reducing student movement around the building. Please be assured that the safety of both our students and staff is of the highest regard to us.

The start of the new academic year

We will operate a phased start to the year. This will allow us to welcome our new Year 7, who have not had the usual transition from primary school and allow us to test our systems making sure that all our students understand what is expected of them.

The Academy opens to students on Thursday 3rd September 2020, but there will be a **staggered start** for different year groups to make sure all students are fully prepared for the expectations and demands of the new term. The specific days for each year group to report to the Academy are below. All students in all year groups are to attend the Academy as of Tuesday 8th September 2020.

Year group	First day in Academy	Time of arrival
Year 7 (new pupils)	Thursday 3 rd September	8:30am
Year 8 (current Y7)	Friday 4 th September	8:30am
Year 9 (current Y8)	Friday 4 th September	8.30am
Year 10 (current Y9)	Monday 7 th September	8:30am
Year 11 (current Y10)	Monday 7 th September	8.30am

The curriculum

The Academy closed its doors to most pupils on March 20th, as requested by the government and since then students have been involved with remote learning, both online and through our work packs. I want to thank all the parents and students who put their full efforts into the work set. The staff have worked extremely hard to ensure work was available for students, and we hope to build on this when we return, making even greater use of technology to bring our learning further into the 21st century.





In September, the students will follow their usual broad and balanced curriculum offer. We will focus in PSHE on reflecting on lockdown and discussing mental well-being and supporting students re-establishing routines in school. We may have to change how we teach music, drama, and technology temporarily to comply with guidance. PE lessons will be outside. Students will attend school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE. If the weather makes it unsafe for an outside lesson, PE will be a theory-based lesson in a classroom. Subjects which use specialist spaces may sometimes be in a classroom and the curriculum will be adapted accordingly.

The current pandemic means that government guidance has asked us to adjust entrance and exit points for different year groups and reduce opportunities for year groups to mix. We will ensure that year groups are taught and based together, reducing the amount of movement that takes place around the Academy. It is vitally important to the safety of the community that all students follow the instructions we set out. Similarly, parents and carers will not be allowed into the Academy building without an appointment.

Until we can return to our normal Academy day, the entrance, exit and movement points are given below. Breakfast club will operate as usual and will be based at the specific entrance points.

The Academy day

Year group	Usual start time	Usual finish time	Entry, exit and movement points
Year 7 (new pupils)	8:30 am	2:55pm	North stairs
Year 8 (current Y7)	8:30 am	2:55pm	South stairs (student reception)
Year 9 (current Y8)	8:30 am	2:55pm	South stairs (student reception)
Year 10 (current Y9)	8:30 am	2.55pm	West stairs
Year 11 (current Y10)	8:30am	2.55pm	West stairs

Students will be told to wash their hands regularly throughout the day, especially at the start of the day, before and after eating, and before leaving the site. We will remind students to wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly using the paper towels that we provide.

Attendance at the Academy

When the coronavirus outbreak was increasing, the government made it clear that no parent would be penalised or sanctioned for their child's non-attendance at school. However, attendance will be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term. This means from that point, the usual rules on attendance will apply.





Non-attendance at the Academy could result in sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with Blackpool's codes of conduct. Missing out on more time in the classroom risks your child falling behind in their learning.

School uniform

Full uniform is expected to be worn for school including shoes, blazers, and ties. Information about our uniform is available on the Academy website.

GCSE results day 2020

We are also greatly looking forward to welcoming our students back to receive their GCSE results. Although students did not sit their very final exams, we know how hard they have worked throughout their time at school. They should be rightly proud of their efforts and to acknowledge this we are looking at organising celebration events for the students in the autumn term. We will be having a GCSE Results day as normal on Thursday 20th August 2020 when results are released. Students have been sent, via text message, individual times to collect their results. We will be following the social distancing protocols that are in place at the time of the results day to enable the safe collection of these results.

I hope the information contained within this letter is useful to you and once again I would like to thank all parents/carers for their continued support, and I wish everyone a safe and happy summer holiday.

We look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours sincerely

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