Date: 27th August 2021

**Start of the New Academic Year - 6th September 2021**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to confirm the official start dates for all year groups at All Saints’ Academy. These have been adjusted to accommodate a two day induction for our new Year 7 students, whilst providing a safe phased return for all year groups so that we can facilitate Covid-19 Lateral Flow Testing.

**Monday 6th September** Year 7 attending the Academy at 8.30am (LFD testing will be done on

 arrival)

 Year 11 students arrive at the Academy for LFD testing only at

 10.30am

**Tuesday 7th September** Year 7 and Year 11 students attending the Academy

 Year 8 students arrive at the Academy for LFD testing at 8.30am

 Year 12 students arrive at the Academy for LFD testing at 10.30am

**Wednesday 8th September** Years 7, 11, 8 and 12 students attending the Academy

 Year 9 students arrive at the Academy for LFD testing at 8.30am

 Year 10 students arrive at the Academy for LFD testing at 10.30am

 Year 13 students arrive at the Academy for LFD testing at 1.00pm

**Thursday 9th September** All year groups attending the Academy

**Year group bubbles have now been relaxed, therefore, students will be moving around the Academy to get to their lessons. Hence, the following Covid-19 Safety measures have been put in place to keep all members of our Academy safe.**

* All students will need to bring a face mask or face covering to the Academy to wear when inside the building. Once students are seated in their classroom they may remove their mask. Students wishing to wear a face mask in lessons may do so. Students who are exempt from wearing a face mask, due to a medical condition, will be provided with a yellow badge. This may be subject to change depending on the local situation with the pandemic.
* Hand sanitiser will be provided in each classroom and at staggered points in the corridors.
* Thorough handwashing is expected in all toilet areas.
* Rooms and learning spaces will be well ventilated.
* Students must follow the one way system by keeping to the left hand side in all corridors and staircases. Chain railing has been put in place to guide and support this.
* Lateral Flow Testing is to be done by every student on a Sunday, before the week starts, and on a Wednesday evening. The Academy will provide testing kits, issued by the Government, to facilitate home testing for each student.

The attached document provides a visual guide on entrance and access points to the Academy for all year groups for this term. Year 7 will be guided through this when they arrive on Monday 6th September as part of their induction.

Students may access the Academy grounds via the Blaisdon Way entrance or the Howell Road entrance. All parents dropping off their children by car are to use the Blaisdon Way entrance. Thank you.

Please keep referring to our website for the latest information in the section ‘latest updates and letters home’ on the Academy homepage [www.asachelt.org](http://www.asachelt.org).

We are really looking forward to welcoming and supporting all our students back into All Saints’ Academy for the start of this new academic year.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D McNiffe

Principal