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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to update you on Covid -19 safety planning for the start of Term 2, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.

Further government guidance for parents can be found via this link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-knowabout-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-andcolleges-in-the-autumn-term

The current arrangements All Saints' Academy has in place follows the current government prevention guidance:

1) Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.

2) Where recommended, the use of face coverings in schools.

3) Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual.

4) Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.

5) Enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.

6) Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible.

7) Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

8) Always keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.

- Numbers 1 to 5, and number 8, must be in place in all schools, all the time.
- Number 6 must be properly considered and schools must put in place measures that suit their particular circumstances.
- Number 7 applies in specific circumstances.

# Referring to bullet point 1:

Do not send your child to school if:

- they are showing <u>coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms</u>
- someone in their household is showing symptoms

<u>Arrange a test</u> if you or your child develops symptoms. Inform your school of the results. If the test is positive, follow <u>guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus</u> (COVID-19) infection, and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.

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## Referring to bullet Point 2:

The Academy expects all students and staff to wear face coverings when moving between lessons in each year's learning zone and on entry and exit in the Academy building i.e. corridors, staircases etc.

• Students who are exempt from wearing a face covering are provided with a yellow badge to wear on their Academy Blazer.

### Referring to bullet Point 6:

Learning zones have been created for each year group and the 6<sup>th</sup> Form, including outdoor spaces and catering points. Details of these are provided in the Academy Latest Updates section of our website. Please refer to the document called Appendix (APSO2020).

#### Referring to bullet point 8:

All windows in classrooms and corridors will be open to ensure occupied spaces are well ventilated. Therefore it is essential for students to wear an appropriate winter coat to school. Students will be allowed to wear a coat in a ventilated classroom during the colder winter months.

#### In relation to inclement wet weather:

- Year 7 to Year 10 students will be allowed to eat their food whilst sat at their designated desk in their Tutor Group during lunch and break times.
- Year 11 and 6<sup>th</sup> Form students will use the dining hall during their allocated lunch and break time.

#### On Monday 02.11.20

- The arrangements for arrival and timetable for each year group remains the same as they were for the start of term in September.
- When all staff and students arrive on Monday and Tuesday they will have a temperature check on entry. This is an extra level of prevention for the start the term following the half term break.

#### For students needing to isolate and therefore having to work from home:

Lessons will be provided on Microsoft Teams and Satchel One. The lessons will follow the normal timetabled lessons for the day. You will find guidance on how to access this on the Academy website in the announcement section, entitled Remote Learning Portal.

Thank you for your support. If you have any queries relating to the above please refer to the Academy website or get in touch with us via <u>admin@asachelt.org</u>

Yours sincerely

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