



11 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Update 11 September 2020 Covid-19

Further to my letter of 2 September 2020 regarding facemasks I am writing to give you an update on our procedures and how the first week of a full reopening has been.

So, nearly a full week, yet over a week since starting the new school year and a great deal has happened - I wish to thank all members of staff for their support and perseverance as we all adapt to the changes that we have had to make and to thank all parents/carers for your continued support and for having the confidence in us for your child to return to school. The percentage attendance has been over 94.5% this week – a little below the national target pre-COVID but we are pleased to have seen so many of our pupils return to all year groups.

Also, I wish to thank all our pupils for adjusting to the changes we have in place. If anyone had said to me a year ago that I would be welcoming pupils back on mass, with them all wearing face coverings as if it is normal, I would not have believed them and yet, that is exactly what has been happening since we opened – our pupils have been walking up to school in orderly way, following instructions and adhering to the guidance. The changes to staggered break times and lunch times with different areas accessed by different year groups, although a logistical challenge has run very smoothly with pupils working with us to make it work successfully. Thank you.

Control systems to ensure we are COVID-19 Secure

As I have previously written, we are in a process of continuous review of the systems we have put in place to ensure they are as effective as possible; inevitably the one constant is change, therefore we are having to make some further changes to the systems we have. To ensure we remain COVID-19 Secure there are to be some additions to our control systems:

1. The timetabling of classes and rooms within the restrictions we have has been a significant logistical challenge and I want to thank everyone involved in producing the timetable but there have been some unintended consequences to the system we have in place. I have been working with Teacher Union Reps to look at an issue that has arisen in Zones at lesson changeover - there is significant congestion in certain areas at certain times of the day. The increased numbers of pupils near each other means we will be introducing two new measures:
 - a. A one-way system in the Faculty-based Zones so movement to lessons is clockwise – the exception to this will be for individual pupils accessing the toilets from Rooms 01 and 02
 - b. There will be a requirement from Monday period 2 for all pupils to wear a face covering whilst moving to lessons both within and outside of their Zone. This means that pupils will be expected to wear a face covering during all lesson changeovers including those within their faculty-based Zone. We also expect that pupils have with them a sealable bag (something like a zip lock sandwich bag) to keep their facemask safe – we will provide a zip lock sealable sandwich bag for those pupils who do not have one. As I have stated before, I appreciate that wearing a facemask will divide opinion amongst parents and carers, but we must work within the advice and guidance we receive from the DfE and Bradford Council.
 - c. Some pupils are requesting to wear facemasks in lessons. The DfE Guidance is that facemasks would not be worn in the classroom. However, I appreciate there may be some genuine reason why pupils would prefer to wear a facemask in the classroom. I ask that if it is the case

that you wish your child to wear a facemask in the classroom this will mean wearing a facemask as they enter school, and then keep it on all of the time until break time for a fifteen minute break in the open air; wearing the mask again until lunchtime for a thirty-minute break and then for the rest of the day until they leave the school site approximately six hours of wear whilst at school

2. Toilet cleaning regime for pupils' toilets – the movement and conduct of pupils at break time and lunch time has been very good – I have been on duty at these times this week and have been pleased with how our pupils have taken on board the measures we have in place. One issue that has arisen from break time is support needed for the AMEY members of staff to be able to access the toilets to give them a clean between use by each year group. The table below shows the times and location of areas used at break time but we have not previously enforced a cut-off point to allow AMEY members of staff to get in and clean, therefore, from Friday 11 September 2020 put in place a cut-off point for use of the main toilet block so they can be cleaned between use by different year groups – the toilets in each Zone remain open.

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Break time	Year Group	Location	Toilets	Toilets closed for cleaning
10.05 – 10.20	9	Café Beans	Main Toilet block 10.05 to 10.15	10.15 to 10.20
10.20 – 10.35	8	Café Cosmopolitan	Main Toilet block 1 10.20 to 10.30	10.30 to 10.35
10.35 – 10.50	7	Café Beans	Main Toilet block 10.35 to 10.45	10.45 to 10.50
10.50 – 11.05	10	Café Cosmopolitan	Main Toilet block 10.50 to 11.00	11.00 to 11.05
11.05 – 11.20	11	Café Beans	Main Toilet block 11.05 to 11.15	11.15 to 11.20

Some clarification regarding response to cases

I appreciate that there still exists a lack of clarity regarding test and trace and some of you may be unclear about what to do if someone in your household has symptoms. The following is a statement from the guidance I have received, and this has been approved by the Deputy Director of Children's Services.

If your household is in isolation due to having symptoms of Covid-19, and have booked a test, then any child who attends Titus Salt School should not return until the test result is received, and only then, if it is a negative test result and no one else in the household has any symptoms of Covid-19.

A copy of the negative test result should be emailed to enquiries@titussaltschool.co.uk prior to a child returning to school.

If your household is in isolation due to being in contact with another person who has had a confirmed test for Covid-19, then even if you have a negative test result and no symptoms, you must continue to self-isolate for the 14 day period.

Once again, I wish to thank you for your continued support and understanding as we respond to the advice and guidance published to school.

Yours sincerely



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