



Monday 15th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I am writing to update you on Breda Academy's restart arrangements to welcome back our students in Years 12, 13 and 14 on Monday 22nd March 2021. We will be delighted to see them all return.

The school day

The start and finish times of the school day will remain unchanged and school transport services and canteen facilities will be in operation as usual. All students in each year group will follow their full curriculum timetable. Students in Years 13 and 14 need only attend school for their timetabled classes, however, private study will be available for students whose only means of transport is the school bus at the start and end of the school day. When not in school, Years 13 and 14 students are expected to be at home during school hours and completing work set by their teachers. The effectiveness of this arrangement will be subject to review after the Easter break. Due to the varying arrival and pick-up times at school of the school buses and public buses, students will arrive and leave at different times allowing for a staggered, controlled, and calm entry and exit of the school building. This will alleviate any potential for congestion and large gatherings of students.

Precautions for preventing the spreading and catching of Covid-19

I want to reassure you that all the school's well-established arrangements for the prevention of catching and spreading Covid-19 remain in place and will continue to be applied when students return to school. In addition, the Department for Education guidance to schools and students on the use of face coverings has been updated. Therefore, unless an exemption applies to your child, face coverings are compulsory for all students while travelling to and from school on both public transport and school transport services, in the school building, in all classrooms, when walking in corridors and while sitting or studying in communal areas (including toilets). Students may only take their face mask off when they are eating in the canteen and assembly hall at breaktime and lunchtime, when they are outside of the school buildings at breaktime and lunchtime and when they are taking part in PE activities outside. It is the responsibility of a student to have their own face mask for travel and school (visors are not permitted). If your child is exempt from wearing a face mask please contact the Vice-Principal Mrs Scott by email at gscott838@c2kni.net as a matter of urgency and by Friday 19th March at the latest.

Student hygiene practices

Students will wash their hands with lukewarm water and soap immediately as they arrive at school and then regularly throughout the school day. Existing bathroom facilities will be used and washing stations will also be set up in entry/exit locations of the school and it will be the responsibility of each student to wash their hands properly. Disposable paper towels will be used for hand drying. Students will be encouraged to try and maintain a 2m social distancing from adults at all time, expected to use good respiratory hygiene practices of 'catch it, bin it, kill it' and discouraged from touching their eyes, face, nose and mouth. Students should also carry a small bottle of hand sanitiser and a packet of tissues for their own use.



If a student flouts or ignores the safety arrangements and rules put in place to prevent the catching and spreading of COVID-19, this will mean they will be sanctioned, up to and including suspension from school. If a student refuses to wear a face mask, unless an exemption has been agreed between a parent/carer and the school, we will contact you and you will be required to collect your child from school.

Expectations of students

It is vitally important that all students attend school on a full-time basis to complete work for the qualifications they are studying so that teachers can collate the appropriate evidence for awarding students their Centre Determined Grades. Please refer to our Summer Qualifications 2021 Update Letter Year 12/13/14 that we posted to parents and put on the school's website (with text message) on 11th February which covered the importance of student evidence for all courses.

Students must wear their full school uniform, including the correct footwear. I expect all students to return to school with a mature and responsible attitude regarding the serious nature and prevention of catching and spreading Covid-19 and with the appropriate focus and behaviour for learning to complete the necessary work and assessments required for the awarding of their Centre Determined Grades.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and understanding in these challenging times and I very much appreciate your continued support as we move forward together. It will be essential that we work together to ensure that we can keep the school and wider community as safe as possible and enable our students to fully engage in working towards achieving their Centre Determined Grades.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Perry - Principal