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**FULL RETURN OF PUPILS TO THE ACADEMY FROM
MONDAY 8TH MARCH 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the announcement by the government on Monday evening, you will now be aware that all children are expected to return to school from Monday 8th March 2021.

We are really looking forward to getting all of the children back in to the Academy and we know that school is the best place for the children for their education and to help with their mental health and well-being. As you will know, we follow strict guidelines and procedures relating to COVID-19 which allows us to operate within a minimal risk environment and we therefore follow strict cleaning, hygiene and COVID related regimes. From experience, the children, parents and staff working together during this time of COVID will mean that we can reduce the possibility of cases at the Academy being transmitted and the associated impact closing a bubble causes.

Academy Day

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the new school day at Dawley:

Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time	Entry/Exit Point
Nursery (15 hrs)	8:50am	11:50am (15 hrs)	Entry: Reception Gate Exit: Doors by Hall
Nursery (30 hrs)	8:50am	3:20pm (30 hrs)	Reception Gate
Reception	8:50am	3:20pm	Reception Gate
1	8:40am	3:10pm	Door by Hall
2	8:40am	3:10pm	Top Gate
3	8:55am	3:25pm	Main gates
4	8:55am	3:25pm	Double Gates
5	9:10am	3:40pm	Main Gates
6	9:10am	3:40pm	Double Gates

please note these times are subject to change



Siblings

We advise that if you have children in more than one year group, please do not delay bringing your children in or expect to be able to pick them up early. For those siblings who start after their brother or sister, **Breakfast Club** can be offered **Free of Charge** for those waiting to go in. Likewise, for those with younger siblings who finish earlier, **After School Club** can be offered **Free of Charge**, until the time of the last pick up. **The Free of Charge offer is limited to that specific time.** The whole session **will not** be issued Free of Charge.

Attendance

Government guidance states:

'School attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from 8th March.

The usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

- *parents' duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school (where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age)*
- *the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct'*

The expectation therefore is for all children to return school on the 8th March.

Uniform

Academy uniform will need be worn by all children.

School Equipment

As previously, all equipment will be supplied by the Academy. We advise that no equipment should be brought in by the pupils.

Lunches

Children have 55 minutes for their lunch. A **minimum of 30 minutes** is for them to eat their lunch (this is so that we can organise the lunch hall accordingly to cater for all children in their **bubbles**). If a child is unable to finish their food within the allotted half an hour, they are able to be positioned safely to finish their food. We advise that packed lunches should be brought in with a **plastic disposable bag** so that this can be thrown at the end of lunch to help reduce the risk of the spread of COVID.

Free School Meals

When a pupil is on our Free School Meals register, the Academy receives extra money for that student which has to be spent on their education. This extra money is called **Pupil Premium** and its purpose is to ensure that children from low income families are not at a financial disadvantage during their education as a result of home circumstances. If you do not claim for Free School Meals, then the Pupil Premium funding will not be available to benefit your child.

Please see the letter attached to see if you qualify. **You must apply for this even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and in receipt of Universal Free School Meals.**

Hygiene

We advise that ALL children have access to hand sanitiser and soap, which are regularly used throughout the day. Touch points (such as door handles) are also cleaned regularly.

Parents on Academy Grounds

Please also observe the 2 metre Social Distancing rule at all times. Masks/face coverings MUST be worn correctly whilst on site unless there is a medical reason you are exempt. Parents must not congregate in groups of more than two. For reasons of Health and Safety and Safeguarding, we ask that all parents and carers please drop off at the designated time and leave the Academy site as soon as this is done. We also ask that parents and carers do not turn up and wait around on site as we are still a working school and children will be needing to use the site.

Communication

We advise that, other than letter, newsletter and personal face-to-face contact at the classroom door or outside, we communicate via our Twitter feed and Academy Website. If you do not have Twitter, this is transferred onto the Parent Facebook page. We are of course available via telephone (01952 386280) or email (a3317@taw.org.uk) if you have any queries. We advise that, unless you have been given the information directly by a member of Academy staff, that any communication or queries are checked via the Academy direct. This will help to reduce any confusion and misunderstanding.

A big thank you to all parents for your patience and understanding. We know that you understand some of the decisions are not easy and may take some time to bed in. Our staff are pulling out all of the stops at present and doing their best to ensure that we can offer a first-class education and keep your children safe. With your full support we can achieve this.

Please stay safe.

Mr Andrews
Principal