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Newsletter

Monday 9th November 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

England has returned to a national lockdown but there is a key difference this time – schools, including Manchester Academy, remain fully open. We are however making changes to the way the Academy runs to reflect the ongoing high level of infection in Manchester. Last week hospitals in Greater Manchester cancelled all non-urgent operations and it is important that we support the NHS and our city by continuing to operate in a safe fashion.

New Academy rooming model:

From Thursday 12th November, year groups will have a base area in the Academy where all of their non-specialist lessons will take place. Students will still move to lessons where a specialist room is required – Science/ICT/Computing/Drama/Art/PE and Technology – but will be taught their other lessons in a baseroom. This reduces significantly the amount of movement around the Academy. Each year group will be allocated part of the Academy building, their own staircase and toilet facilities. This will help further enforce the year group bubbles which we have operated since September. So far, we have not had to close a year group bubble, and this reflects how well the students and staff have managed the model.

COVID safety

- A reminder that ALL students must wear face masks on the corridors when they are moving around the Academy and when they are in places where social distancing is not possible. Face masks should be regularly washed and students can wear them in lessons if they wish.
- Students should always respect social distancing with adults, keeping 2 metres away if possible.
- Students should sanitise their hands as they enter the building and as they enter classrooms.
- Students must keep within their year group bubble – we will continue to have staggered entrances and exits from the building and split break and lunchtimes for KS3 and KS4.
- If students need to use public transport, they must wear a face mask
- Some extra-curricular activities will still be running and Y11 Period 6 will take place every week on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

COVID symptoms

It is extremely important that if anyone in your household experiences COVID symptoms the whole household must self-isolate. A COVID test must be completed and if this is negative then students can return to the Academy. If the test is positive everyone in the household must self-isolate for 14 days. The individual who has tested positive must self-isolate for at least 10 days from when symptoms first started OR from the positive test if there are no symptoms. We have had cases where a family member has symptoms and requested a COVID test but children from the household have still been sent into the Academy. This puts a much larger number of people at risk.

Manchester Academy Staff Training days – School is closed

Manchester Academy will be closed to all students on Thursday 26th November and Friday 27th November as these are staff training days. The Academy will fully reopen for students on Monday 30th November.

Non-Uniform Day for local food bank

On Wednesday 25th November we will be holding a non-uniform day with a difference. If students wish to wear their own clothes for a day, they have to bring in an item of food for our local food bank.

Food items requested by the food bank include:

- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED TOMATOES
- UHT MILK (1 LITRE)
- TINNED POTATOES
- RICE
- PASTA

If students donate one item on the list above, then they can wear their own clothes. We want to help support local families who may be struggling during the winter months.

Please keep well and support the national lockdown by following the rules so that infections will drop in the city and we can return to less restricted rules.

Best wishes,



Mr J Eldon, Principal

