



27 August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that this letter finds you and your family well. It has been a long five months without seeing our academy full of its usual vibrancy and we are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back. As such, I am sure that your attention will now be turning to next week and the start of a new academic year.

In July, we wrote to you outlining how we expect the re-opening of our academy will work. This week, the risk assessment has been reviewed and we remain confident that our plans will enable us to welcome back all our students as safely as possible.

**You can read our re-opening plans again in full on our website here:** <https://www.holgate-ac.org.uk/september-re-opening-update/>

#### A reminder of our return to academy timings

Year group	Start date and time
Academy closed to all students for staff training and development	Tuesday 1 September – all day
Year 7	Wednesday 2nd September 8:40am Hillcrest Drive Entrance
Year 8	Friday 4th September 8:40am Hillcrest Drive Entrance
Year 9	Friday 4th September 8:40am Hillcrest Drive Entrance
Year 10	Thursday 3rd September 8:40am Hillcrest Drive Entrance
Year 11	Thursday 3rd September 8:40am Hillcrest Drive Entrance
Year 12 and 13	Will receive separate communication from HSFC

Further to the letter of 17/7/20 we have made changes to our expectations regarding face masks in line with Government guidance. As such masks may be worn by students throughout the school day but must be plain. Students travelling on the Bestwood bus are expected to wear masks.

The letter stated that students should bring water or a non-fizzy drink as pupils will not be able to access the water fountains. In addition to this we would ask that all students who are in a position to bring their own packed lunch rather than purchase food at school do so. This is to support with the challenge of social distancing with dinner queues and the speed of service coupled with the fact that the menu will be a limited menu.

It is also very important that students remember that the only entry and exit points from September will be Hillcrest Drive Main Entrance and Nabbs Lane Main Entrance. For some students this will mean using a different route to school. For students travelling by bike there will be bike storage available at both sites but this will not be sheltered.

If you have any concerns or specific questions regarding your child's return in September, please let us know via email at [info@holgate-ac.org.uk](mailto:info@holgate-ac.org.uk) or by phone on 0115 963 2104.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Widdup'.

Heather Widdup  
Senior Principal

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Matt Pennington  
Principal