

Hayle Academy

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Dear Parents/ Carers

As you will know, the Government has now released detailed guidance to schools to support our re-opening in September, to all students, full time. When schools were closed by the lockdown to all but a small handful of students, we entered an unprecedented period for education. Now we know that local rates of infection are low, that the prevalence of Covid 19 has significantly reduced and the NHS Test and Trace programme is up and running with increasing efficiency.

Our view, and that of the Government, is that schools are vital to the education and wellbeing of our children. Despite our best efforts with online learning and rapid adaptations in response to the lockdown, we firmly believe it is in our childrens' best interests for them to be in school and that time out of school is detrimental to their learning and academic development.

We now know that there is a low risk of children becoming ill from Covid 19 and this must be balanced against the risks of lower educational outcomes which could impact on childrens' lives into the future. We also know that schools have a vital role to play in supporting our community's economic recovery and helping parents to be able to return to work. The Government believe that the balance of risk is now clearly in favour of children returning to school and that is a crucial part of us all 'returning to normal'.

Hayle Academy staff and governors are now preparing to welcome all children back in September and to have ready proportional protective measures so that children can thrive and progress. Working closely with our secondary school partners and the Trust, we are preparing a robust and detailed plan taking full account of the guidance from the Government. This plan includes the safe management of our school buildings and environment, adapting our curriculum plans, teaching approaches, classroom expectations and pastoral support systems, contingency planning to manage potential suspected and confirmed cases (including self-isolation periods and possible local lockdowns).

A key aspect of our plan will be to ensure that Public Health England advice is followed robustly in our school by all members of the school community. This will include:

- staff and students remaining at home if they are ill
- enhanced hand and respiratory hygiene measures
- enhanced cleaning of the school
- active engagement with the NHS Test and Trace systems for suspected cases for staff and students
- additional measures to reduce contact between people in school, maximise distancing and minimise contamination as far as reasonably possible.

In planning these adaptations, we will be reviewing how we group students, avoiding contact between groups where possible, re-arranging classrooms seating and ensuring staff are distanced from students.



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We know parents will understand that these detailed and wide-ranging plans will take some time to finalise and we will continue to keep parents fully updated as we develop a comprehensive re-opening plan in consultation with the Trust and our Governors and staff. In the meantime, parents with any concerns about their individual circumstances and implications for their child being able to attend in the Autumn should contact their child's pastoral lead to discuss how we may be able to provide additional support.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for the strong support we have received over recent months and for our continued partnership. We are delighted we will be open to all students in September and very much look forward to welcoming children back to school.

Yours faithfully

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