

East Birmingham Network Academy

Dear Parent/Carer,

19th November 2020

Re: School re-opening

I hope you are all safe and well during this current time.

I am writing to inform you that, following the closure of EBN 2 during this week, we are planning to re-open the Academy to students in the following way next week.

Monday 23rd November 2020 – School will re-open to students in Year 9 and 11 only

Wednesday 25th November 2020 – Academy will re-open to students in Year 10

Due to the number of staff required to self-isolate as a result of COVID-19 related issues, we have had to stagger our re-opening and have done so in a way that allows the maximum number of students to return to school as early as possible, while ensuring the health, safety and well-being of all staff and students.

If your child has been advised by school to self-isolate you will have received a close contact letter with the work pack sent out this week. This letter will confirm the date your child will be able to return school and their usual activities.

Please note that this is a fast-changing situation and as a result if there are any changes to our plan to re-open on Monday we will let you know as soon as we can.

We look forward to welcoming the students back to the Academy across next week. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs. Shearer by phone or email.

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Thank you for your ongoing support at this time.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Matthew Baldwin
Executive Head Teacher

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family.

Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online. Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

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