

East Birmingham Network Academy

18th July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: End of Summer 2023 term and Start of Autumn 2023 details

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your support this year, it really does make a difference. I am writing to update you on the arrangements for the end of this school year and the start of the 2023-24 year.

End of Summer Term 2023 arrangements:

Friday 21st July: Students will be dismissed from school for the summer holidays between 12.10pm and 12.30pm

Start of Autumn Term 2023 arrangements:

Monday 4th September 2023: Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5th September 2023: Staff Training Day
Wednesday 6th September 2023: Staff Training Day
Thursday 7th September 2023: School re-opens for all students (Year 10 & 11: 8.30am-2.30pm/Year 9: 8.30am-12.30pm)

Day Timings for 2023-24:

Following the trial of adjustments to the internal timings of the school day that have been in place since Monday 26th June we have taken the decision to stay with our original/normal timing of the school day for Academic Year 2023-24. The timings for 2023-24 are therefore:

Monday – Thursday	
8.30am-9.00am	Form Time
9.00am-10.00am	Period 1
10.00am-11.00am	Period 2
11.00am-12.30pm	Period 3/Lunch (30 mins)
12.30pm-1.30pm	Period 4
1.30pm-2.30pm	Period 5

Please note Year 9 finish at 12.30pm on Thursdays

Friday	
8.30am-9.00am	Form Time
9.00am-10.00am	Period 1
10.00am-11.00am	Period 2
11.00am-12.30pm	Period 3/Lunch (30 mins)

Attendance and Punctuality:

All students are required to arrive at the Academy by 8.30am. If your child is unwell then you must telephone the Academy on 0121 2727020 before 8.30am to inform us that your child will be absent. If the line is busy, please leave a message. Your child will be considered late if they arrive **at school after 8.50am**. If your child arrives late to school with no valid reason for lateness, they will be issued a late detention.

Uniform:

It is important that your child arrives at school dressed appropriately and ready to learn. From September 2023 we will be removing skirts from our school uniform and all students will be required to wear school trousers. As a reminder the Academy uniform consists of:

- **Black EBN Jumper,**
- **Purple EBN Polo Shirt,**
- **Black School Trousers (Not Denim trousers/Chinos/Leggings or skirts)**
- **Black School shoes or Solid Black Trainers (No colour logos or motifs)**

If your child does not arrive in the correct uniform, then it is expected that they will borrow uniform in order to continue with their day. If they refuse to borrow uniform, they this may lead to an exclusion for a fixed period of time.

If you require additional polo shirts or jumpers for your child, this can be purchased directly from the Academy. Currently the cost of a polo shirt is £12. and the cost of a jumper is £15. Any changes to these costs across the year will be communicated with you.

Bus Passes:

Students will be issued with a bus pass when they return in September. Please note that if lost it will be the responsibility of the parent/carer to replace the bus pass. The cost of a replacement bus pass is £7.50. Any changes to these costs across the year will be communicated with you. New bus passes will be issued at the start of each term. Scratch card bus tickets will only be given to students **in the event of an emergency.** If a bus pass is lost it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to make arrangements for their child's travel to school until the new bus pass arrives.

Vapes:

EBN Academy 2, like many other schools, has seen a recent spike in incidents involving student vaping. We take this issue very seriously due to the negative health effects vaping can have on our students. Vaping and being in possession of a vape is prohibited at EBN Academy 2. If a student is found in possession of a vape or is seen vaping either inside or within the vicinity of the school (immediately outside school, bus stops etc.), the vape will be confiscated and this may lead to an exclusion for a fixed period of time. Our goal is to partner with parents to help support our students in making positive decisions for themselves and their future. We encourage you to have a conversation with your child(ren) about this topic.

May I take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your continued support in the 2023-24 academic year and wish you a peaceful summer break.

Yours Sincerely



Mr Matthew Baldwin
Executive Head Teacher