

East Birmingham Network Academy

18th December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: End of Autumn Term 2023 and start of Spring Term 2024 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 term and the start of the spring term.

End of Autumn Term arrangements:

Thursday 21st December 2023: This is the last day of term. Year 9 will be dismissed from school for the Christmas holidays between at 12.30pm. Year 10 and 11 will be dismissed between 12.45pm

Friday 22nd December 2023: This is a staff training day and the school will closed to students.

Start of Spring Term 2024 arrangements:

Monday 8th Jan 2024: Staff Training Day – school closed to pupils.
Tuesday 9th Jan 2024: School re-opens to all students (see timings below).

Other Upcoming Key dates

Friday 19th Jan 2024: Student Progress reports issued.
Wednesday 24th Jan 2024: Parent Review Day (students and parents attend meetings with staff).
Friday 9th Feb 2024: School Closes for half term.
Monday 19th Feb 2024: School re-opens to all students after half term.

Day Timings from 9th January 2024:

Following the outcome of the consultation on times of the school day detailed in our letter last week, the timings of the school day moving forward are:

Monday – Thursday	
8.45am-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
2.30pm-2.45pm	Form Time

Please note Year 9 finish at 12.30pm on Thursdays

Friday	
8.45am-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 8.45am. If your child is unwell then you must telephone the Academy on 0121 2727020 before 9.00am to inform us that your child will be absent. If the line is busy, please leave a message. Your child will be late if they arrive **at school after 9.00am**. If your child arrives late to school with no valid reason for lateness, they will be issued a 30 minute late detention.

Uniform:

It is important that your child arrives at school dressed appropriately and ready to learn. From September 2023 we removed skirts from our school uniform and all students are 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, then this may lead to an exclusion for a fixed period of time.

If you require additional polo shirts or jumpers for your child, they 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 to you.

Bus Passes:

Students will be issued with a renewed bus pass when they return in January. Please note that if lost it will be the responsibility of the parent/carer to replace the bus pass and to make arrangements for their child's travel to and from school until the new bus pass arrives. The cost of a replacement bus pass is £7.50. Any changes to these costs across the year will be communicated to you. Renewed 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.**

Vapes:

We are increasingly concerned about the impact vapes are having on pupil health and well-being, we will be doing some workshops with pupils regarding this and highlighting the dangers of them, many of these vapes are illegal and there is no clear indication of what is actually in them. Due to an increase in the number of incidents of pupils being caught using vapes in school, our policy regarding vapes has been reviewed and we have decided to take a clearer, tougher stance on this.

Pupils will not be allowed to hand vapes in. Any pupil caught with a vape in their possession on school site during the school day (lessons and breaks) will have it confiscated and **it will not be returned**, they will also be excluded from school for 1 day. Repeated infringements will result in longer exclusions and possible loss of their place with us. We will also be giving sanctions if we see pupils vaping as they enter or leave the school premises. In essence we do not want to see vapes in and around the school site. Please speak to your child about this change in policy to ensure they understand the consequences if they are caught in possession of a vape in school,

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support across the last year year and wish you a peaceful Christmas break and Happy New Year.

Yours Sincerely



Mr Matthew Baldwin
Executive Head Teacher