

# Y10 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



The next few weeks will be a big change from what you have previously been used to. I am sure that you will have mixed emotions about coming back to school, seeing other people and your friends. You may also have questions regarding the measures that the school will be taking to keep you safe whilst on site. Part of adapting to the change is getting fully prepared with equipment and your full school uniform. Practising old routines and forming new habits will be key to helping you adjust to the new normal and keep you safe.

If you have any questions that are not answered below, please contact the school via email [enquiries@wathacademy.com](mailto:enquiries@wathacademy.com). The FAQ will be added to if necessary and re-sent.

## **What time do I need to arrive for a 9am start?**

To support social distancing, you must not arrive at school earlier than 8.45am and no later than 9.00am. This will provide us with sufficient time to organise you into your groups, check uniform and offer you hand sanitiser on entry. The Academy gate will shut promptly at 9am, after which you will not be allowed to come into the school building and will have to return home.

## **Do I need to wear uniform?**

Students on school site are required to wear full uniform. If you need to borrow an item of school uniform, please contact reception and we will endeavour to support you wherever possible. Unfortunately, if you do not wear the correct uniform, you will not be able to access the site.

## **What will happen when I arrive at the school gate?**

When you arrive at school there will be staff welcoming you at the gate. Once through the gate please make your way to main reception. As you arrive at reception you will be greeted by a member of staff who will let you know what room you will be working in. These will be ICT suites so that you have the flexibility of working at a computer when required.

## **What do I do when I get to my classroom?**

You will be escorted to your classroom and, when you arrive, you will have an allocated desk with your name on it.

## **What if I need to go to the toilet?**

You must be sensible and only ask to leave the room if it is absolutely necessary. When you ask your teacher, they will radio the member of staff on duty. We can only permit one person at a time to use the toilet so when it is okay to do so the member of staff on duty will wait for you outside the toilet area. You must wash your hands after using the facility with soap and water and return to your classroom, following social distancing guidance.

## **Will we have to adhere to social distancing guidelines?**

Yes, it will be important that you follow social distancing guidelines. Please ensure that you remain 2 metres apart from all other students and staff as you move around the school site. To help remind you of this we have markings on

the floor to highlight the amount of space needed between you and others so that we are following social distancing guidelines.



### **Are school buses running?**

In line with Government and Local Authority advice, we do not advocate the use of public transport (including school buses). Instead, we are encouraging all students, where possible, to walk or cycle to school. If you are travelling to school by car, this should only be with adults within your own household. We recognise that this may present problems for some students and families in attending school.

South Yorkshire Passenger Transport are continuing to operate services, however, there are no specific school bus services running and the decision to use public transport is a personal one to be made by families.

### **Will there be food available?**

Food will not be available in Le Rendezvous during this time.

### **Can I attend for part of the session and miss any of my other allocated days?**

If you are making the commitment to attend and your teachers are preparing sessions, we do expect you to attend for the full session on your allocated day please.

### **What lessons will I have when I am in school?**

You will receive vital careers guidance to enable you to effectively plan your next steps through education, be supported in how to get the best out of remote learning and finally learn a range of study skills to help you prepare for next year's GCSE exams.

### **Will we get a break and chance to walk around the school site?**

Lessons will run from 9am to 12pm and, during that time, students will remain in their designated classroom unless they need to go to the toilet.

### **Who will I be grouped with?**

You will be placed in a group of 8 students from your tutor group.

### **Can I change my group?**

For your health and safety and that of the other students and staff, once allocated to a group you will not be permitted to change it. You are not, under any circumstances to mix with other students outside your group. Failure to comply with this will mean you are sent home immediately, and a consequence issued.

### **How many students will be in my class?**

There will be a maximum of 8 students per class. Each workstation will be spaced 2 metres from each other.



### **How many students will there be in school altogether?**

We have arranged the timetable so that we do not have more than 25% of Year 10 in school at any one time. This is so that we adhere to government guidance.

### **What happens at 12pm when the lesson has finished?**

You will tidy away your materials and remain seated until your classroom is called to leave the building. You must remember to wash your hands using the hand sanitiser in the classroom and walk from the room, maintaining a 2 metre distance. You must not hang around the school premises or perimeter in groups. The community will expect you to move home quickly.

When walking home, you must maintain social distancing at all times. If you are being collected from school by car, it must be by an adult you live with so that you do not risk the chance of spreading the infection.

### **Do I have to attend and how will my attendance be registered?**

Your attendance in school is entirely the decision of your parents/carers. You or they may not feel comfortable about you going back to school just yet or until the next government update. During this time, the Local Authority cannot issue fines or prosecutions for non-attendance and any absence will not be coded as authorised or unauthorised absence. We will monitor and record our attendance to these face to face sessions so that we know who we have on-site at any one time.

### **How will my teachers and I reduce the risk of spreading the virus?**

The Academy has made sure that there is plenty of sanitisation product and equipment within school. As you walk into school you will be able to use hand sanitiser from the dispensing stations around the designated areas near your classrooms.

### **How will the Academy be kept clean?**

Throughout the period of lockdown, the Academy has remained open and deep cleaning has been happening on an ongoing basis. The daily sessions finish at 12pm so that the onsite team can disinfect and clean down the seat, tables, toilets, handrails and handles that have been touched throughout the day. There will be no sessions on Wednesdays so the Academy can be deep cleaned. In addition, we have a team of reactive cleaners operating throughout the day.

### **Has there been a risk assessment?**

A very comprehensive risk assessment has been completed which takes into account our local context, government guidance and feedback from professional associations. If you would like to see a copy of the risk assessment it can be found on the school's website.