

Academy Return Pledge

SEPTEMBER 2020: *We are really looking forward to welcoming our children and staff back to our academy now that it is safe to do so. We are implementing government and Public Health England guidelines to mitigate risk and support our academy and local community to return to normal.*



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Does my child have to attend the academy?



Yes, if your child is well, they should return to good academy attendance.

If you are anxious about our full return, please contact us and we will be happy to talk to you.



Benefits of good attendance



It is good for children's mental well-being.

The academy is the best place for them to learn.



It is good for our children to follow a structured routine.

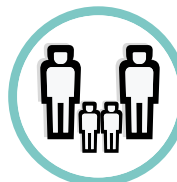
It develops social skills and interactions and enables support from teachers and academy staff to promote learning.



Out of Academy Club

We are working closely with our 'out of academy' club staff to ensure that the provision so vital to support our families can be open and safe.

This may mean that there are changes to booking sessions, activities and catering provision.



How are you making sure the academy is safe?



We will make daily checks for risks before the academy opens.



If a child or family or staff member is sick, they cannot attend the academy.



Children will stay together all day in a class or year group 'bubble'.



Everyone will wash their hands regularly either with soap and water for 20 seconds or using hand sanitiser.



The academy will be cleaned regularly.



No soft toys or furnishings are allowed.



Some staff may choose to use face coverings. Please speak to your child to reassure them that this may be the case.

What might change at the academy?



The time you drop off and pick up your child. Only one parent/carer should attend.

Some practical lessons like PE & Music for example may be delivered differently.



Playtime and lunchtime are likely to be staggered, to avoid large groups of children being together and to maintain the 'bubble'.

Playtime will be spent in the 'bubbles' with no contact games like football.



Will my child attend every day?



There may be times when your child may not be in the academy to facilitate additional cleaning and learning planning time. This is to make sure we keep children safe and continue with high quality learning.

What parents can do to help us



Please stick to our new systems and protocols to make sure everyone is safe.



Please reassure your child about these differences before they return.

<https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/coronavirus-story-for-children/>



Please keep your child off if they are unwell or have COVID-19 symptoms.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>



Please be aware that we may have to share your contact details if you enter the building to comply with our duty of care to staff and visitors and to assist in reducing the spread of the virus should we be contacted by an official test and trace clinician.



Please ensure your contact details are up to date and if we contact you, please respond.