

Workington Academy Risk Assessment for re-opening on Monday 6 September

Dear Parent/Carer

To minimise the transmission of Covid-19 in school we have produced a risk assessment for the re-opening of school on Monday 6 September. The full risk assessment will be available on the school website and below is a summary of measures we have put in place:

- **Ensuring good hand hygiene for everyone**
Frequent and thorough hand cleaning should now be regular practice and we will support students to clean their hands regularly.
- **Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated**
The school will be well ventilated throughout the day by using the existing ventilation system and opening external windows to maintain a flow of fresh air.
- **Regular cleaning throughout the school day**
There will be regular cleaning of areas and equipment with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.
- **Following public health advice on testing and self-isolation**
See the next page for guidance on when students should self-isolate.

Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or communal areas. The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn on public transport and dedicated transport to school. We will also ask students to use specific entrances at the start of the school day, see below for a list of the entrances for each year group:

Year group	Entry to school
7	Community Entrance
8	Community Entrance
9	Main Entrance
10	Main Entrance
11	Main Entrance
12 and 13	Student Services

Students will queue in an orderly manner outside until directed into school by a member of staff and signage will be in place to direct students to their new tutor rooms.

I look forward to welcoming all our students back to the Academy next week.

Yours faithfully



Deputy Headteacher

When should my child self-isolate or miss school?



NO

- All children **MUST** attend school unless they are ill.
- From 16th August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact, has Covid.
- Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms, and the test result is negative.



YES

- If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test), **NOT** a Lateral Flow test.
- If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.
- If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated – but instead should book a PCR test.