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Dear parent

Full-time return of all students to school for the week beginning 31st August

Returning to school is vital for children's education and well-being. In line with government guidance, The Roundhill Academy will re-open to all students in all year groups on a daily basis from Tuesday 1st September 2020.

We wish to reassure you that in all our planning for this return, the health, safety and wellbeing of students is at the centre of our thinking. The most up-to-date advice from the Government, local Health Protection Team and the Local Authority is always followed. Detailed risk assessments and control measures will be in place and we will adhere strictly to guidance related to personal hygiene and social distancing.

The link between high levels of attendance and improved academic outcomes is very clear. As all students have experienced a lengthy time away from school due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is vital that attendance, now it is safe to return, is as high as possible. We rely, as ever, on yourselves to work in partnership with us to ensure that this is the case for your child.

How will students be organised in school?

The government has advised schools to keep year groups separate within school, to teach students in normal class-size groups maintaining social distancing where possible and to limit movement around school due to lesson changeovers. To achieve this, we will slightly stagger the start of the school day for different year groups, not have a tutor time in the morning before the start of lessons, join lesson 1/2 and 3/4 together to make double lessons and have zoned areas for year groups at break and lunch.

For the first two weeks from Tuesday 1st of September the school day will be as shown in the table below.

Year Group	Lesson 1	Break	Lesson 2	Lunch	Lesson 3
7	8.35 –10.35am	10.35–11.05am	11.05am-1.05pm	1.05 – 1.45pm	1.45 – 2.45pm
8	8.40 –10.40am	10.40 –11.10am	11.10am–1.10pm	1.10 – 1.50pm	1.50 – 2,50pm
9	8.45 –10.45am	10.45 –11.15am	11.15am -1.15pm	1.15 – 1.55pm	1.55 -2.55pm
10	8.50 –10.50am	10.50 –11.20am	11.20am 1.20pm	1.20 – 2.00pm	2.00 – 3.00pm
11	8.55 –10.55am	10.55 –11.25am	11.25am-1.25pm	1.25 – 2.05pm	2.05 – 3.05pm

Please note that every student will have the same five hours of learning time during each day as usual and that, over the two-week period, they will have the same number of total learning hours in each subject as usual. We will review our plan every two weeks and, as guidance alters, inform you of any updates or changes.

Students will be required to sanitize their hands on entry and exit from classrooms. The government guidance is that staff and students do not need to wear face masks in classrooms as this hinders communication during learning. However, we respect the choice of the individual to do so if they wish. An enhanced cleaning programme will be in place so that classrooms and high usage areas will be regularly disinfected throughout the day. Enhanced staffing of breaktime/lunchtime will be in place to ensure safe behaviour and orderly entry/exit to lessons.

In the first week of full-time school we will require students to bring a packed lunch as the kitchens will not serve meals or snacks. Those students who receive free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch. We will review this as students settle into their new routine and, hopefully begin to serve food after this initial week. We will of course update you as to how things are proceeding. Students will need to bring a water bottle to school with them as access to water fountains will not be possible.

To support us to keep students safe and to allow for effective classroom learning with minimal disruption, we require your support in ensuring that your child follows the following expectations:

- Time their arrival to school to be as close to the time for their year group as possible.
- To leave the school site and make a prompt journey home when their lesson finishes at the end of the day.
- To wear full uniform as stated in the school guidelines.
- To bring the full equipment that they need every day:
 - Black or blue pens, purple pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, calculator.
 - An apron from home for Art, Design and Food lessons to reduce the need for use of disposable ones.
- To take all equipment home each day as lockers will not be in use (students will not be taking workbooks home, these will be stored in classrooms).
- To come dressed in their PE kit on the days that they have PE to prevent the need for changing.

In the event of any positive cases within the school we will work closely with the local Health Protection Team who will advise on next steps.

We will spend time with students during their induction days in the week beginning 24th August to go through plans and expectations in more detail. The plan for these days can be found on the school website.

Thank you for your continued support. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Yours Sincerely,

Tim Marston
(Acting Head Teacher)

Stuart Hindes
(Vice-Principal)

Helen Blythe
(Vice-Principal)