



Brayton
Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am taking this opportunity to write to inform you of the arrangements for the opening of Brayton Academy in September. As you may know the Government published guidance for the full opening of schools on 2nd July. The plan is that all pupils, in all year groups will return to school full time from the beginning of the autumn term.

The plans for reopening have been completed in response to public health advice to minimise coronavirus (COVID-19) risks. We are required to have groups of children that will be isolated from other students in the school and the advice is that these 'pods' should not be more than 250 in size. This means that we will have four pods: Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and a fourth one of Year 10 and 11 together.

Each pod will be taught in a designated area of school and the students will remain in that zone for all of their lessons. Teachers will move to the students so that each pod can be isolated from each other.

In order to keep the students in each of the pod separate from each other we will also have staggered start and finish times to the school day; break times and lunch times will also be at different times.

At the forefront of the changes we are making to the school day and the operation of the school Brayton Academy and Rodillian Multi Academy Trust have complied with Health and Safety Law which has required us to assess risk and put in place proportionate control measures. The health, safety and welfare of our students and staff is at the forefront of the decisions we have made for the changes that we are making for the September reopening.

In order that we can explain the differences to the school day there will be some changes to the start dates for of our students.

| Date | Year Group Start |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Wednesday 2 nd September 2020 | Year 7 only |
| Thursday 3 rd September 2020 | Year 7 only |
| Friday 4 th September 2020 | Year 7, Year 10 and Year 11 only |
| Monday 7 th September | All Groups |

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Year 7

Below is a table showing the times of the day for Year 7 and as you can see there is a change to the published start and finish times

Start 8.30 am, Students will be allowed on site from 8.20 am

Finish 2.05 pm

| | Form Time | Period 1 | Period 2 | Period 3a | Period 3b | Period 3c | Period 4 | Period 5a | Period 5b | Period 5c | Period 6 | Form Time |
|--------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | | 8.45-9.35 | 9.35-10.25 | 10.25-10.45 | 10.45-11.15 | 11.15-11.35 | 11.35-12.05 | 12.05-12.30 | 12.30-12.55 | 12.55-13.20 | 13.20-14.10 | 14.10-14.30 |
| Year 7 | 8.30-8.45 | | | Break | | | | Lunch | | | Finish 2.05pm | |

On the first day in school we will inform all of the children of what to expect in the first week and we will get them settled in to the new routines of the timetable, new teachers, break times and lunch times and finish times.

Buses

If students travel to school by bus the pickup and drop off times will not will not change. The buses will arrive at Brayton Academy as normal at approx. 8.00 am. We will look after these children until school starts at 8.30 am and from 2.05pm until the buses leave at 2.30pm. North Yorkshire County Council will be issuing bus passes and if you have any queries please contact them directly.

Car Park

In order that we can keep the school site safe and secure: **No parents or carers are allowed to use the school car parks to drop off or pick up students.**

Changes to Parental Access to the school site.

No parents are allowed on the school site unless by prior appointment. These appointments should be made through contacting Brayton Academy by Telephone (01757 707731).

Lunches

Our catering service will provide a slightly reduced menu from September whilst we keep each pod separate. The daily menu will include a hot meal with vegetarian option, some hot snack type items such as baked potato and pizza as well as a full cold service including sandwiches, salads, cakes, biscuits and drinks. There will be no facility to provide snacks and drinks at breaktime, therefore students will need to bring their own.

On 2nd September if you would like your child to have a lunch please provide them with some cash to cover the first three days (average cost of meal £2.50). This will be added to their account and we will then provide you with the necessary details to use Parent Pay here at Brayton Academy. As per the Covid -19 safety guidelines **we will be operating a cashless payment system where we will only use the web based Parent Pay from 7th September.**



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Hygiene

Handwashing and sanitising facilities will be extensively available throughout the school and our cleaning staff will ensure that eating areas, toilets and other high use areas will be cleaned throughout the day.

Attendance

Student attendance will be mandatory again from the beginning of the Autumn term. This means from that point, our usual rules on attendance apply, including:

- it is a parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly;
- the Academy's responsibility resumes to record attendance, and follow up absences;
- the availability to offer appropriate support for your child's education, wellbeing and wider development, working closely with other professions when necessary;
- the availability to issue sanctions, including Penalty Notices in line with Local Authorities' codes of conduct and Government guidelines.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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