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Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of the first full week back with the academy in full operation, I felt it would be timely to keep you informed of the latest developments.

Firstly, a massive thank-you to everyone for their efforts in ensuring their child is at the academy and ready to learn, our attendance has been outstanding from the first day. The students look extremely professional in their new blazer/badge and ties and thank you again for preparing them to such a high standard.

Life in the academy is different, however the way in which staff and students have adapted is astonishing. Lessons are fully underway and a broad and balanced, full curriculum is being delivered every day.

In line with recent police and local authority guidance as well as the latest government legislation the gathering of groups (parents or students) can not happen around the academy site. **Can I ask for your support in ensuring your child does not arrive until their specified staggered start time and to leave the site and area promptly once the academy day has finished.** If there are any issues associated with this, please contact the head of year for your child where we will do everything we can to support you.

Please see a reminder of the entry times for each year group below.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Staggered Entry time	08:20	08:30	08:40	08:30	08:40

In line with government guidance we have also been asked to encourage parents, staff and pupils to avoid the use of public transport if possible as this reduces the need for large gatherings outside of school.

In the unfortunate circumstance that your child is unable to attend the academy due to Covid 19, we have in place a full suite of distance learning material ready. Details on how to log in and access this will be sent out if we are notified **that a child is unable to attend.**

These are different times and we need to look after each other at all times, the virus has not gone away and has the ability to impact the lives of every one of us. If we look after and look out for each other, as well as following government guidance and legislation we can do our very best to minimise the chance of the virus spreading. I feel confident that by working together in the way we have over the past days, weeks, months and years we can continue to provide the best and safest education for your child.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Gelder

Principal- For and on behalf of Tove Learning Trust

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