



Important Update – Monday 8th June

Dear parent / carer,

I am writing to you to provide further detail regarding some year groups returning to school based learning from Monday 15th June. Please read this letter carefully along with the FAQ document that we are sending home alongside this letter.

A summary of any actions you need to take or important updates are below.

Summary for Years 10 and 12

- Read through the attached FAQ document with your son or daughter and note their allotted day and arrival / departure time.
- It is essential that your child arrives and leaves school at the time set out for their bubble below.
- Your child must wear their bubble wristband, which will be given out on arrival to the Academy.
- Maintain social distancing at home.
- Introduce your child to the concept of the Family Bubble and the need to stay in the Family Bubble when at school. You can use this explainer video here:
<https://youtu.be/VG347gkQ5zM>
- Ensure your child has the correct uniform and equipment (see list on FAQ sheet).
- Refresh your child's understanding of our key school rules. Make sure your child is clear that if students are not able to engage appropriately at school, respecting social distancing and the need for Family Bubbles to remain apart from each other then we will have no choice but to ask that child to engage with distance learning at home.
- If your child shows symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19 do not send your child to school and inform us at office@thevictoryacademy.org.uk
- If a child feels unwell whilst in school, they should alert one of their Family Bubble staff immediately.
- If a member of your child's bubble, student or staff, shows symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19 we will be asking everyone in that bubble to stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days.
- The latest **Government guidance is that wearing a face covering or face mask in schools or other education settings is not recommended**. Therefore, students will not wear masks whilst in school.
- Any work completed by students at home needs to be submitted digitally, and not in hard copy at the school. This is to avoid risk to staff accepting work in hard copy from students.

All other students must stay at home and continue to engage with their distance learning in the way they have done up to now. For the children of key workers requiring childcare, this will continue to

be provided at school and parents should continue to provide **24 hours notice** of their intention to use this provision.

We will be opening as follows from 1st June:

Year group	First date students should attend school
10	Will be able to attend school for 1 day a week from Mon 15 th June. Other opportunities for contact with individual staff will be provided.
12	Will be able to attend school for 1 day a week from Mon 15 th June. Other opportunities for contact with individual staff will be provided.
Children of key workers – childcare provision for Yrs7-9	From Mon 1 st June (24 hours notice must be given)

Opening Hours:

In order to welcome students back to Victory safely and ensure social distancing we have introduced a staggered timetable for students returning to school based learning. **Our overall school opening hours are 8:40am to 3:05pm, however there will be staggered start and finish times to allow for safe entry to and exit from the school for Year 10 and Year 12. There will be year 10 and 12 students in school between 9.30am and 2pm.**

Children of key workers should only enter the school via the Galley community entrance. They should be on site by 8:40am each day and will stay in school until 3:05pm.

All students in Year 10 and Year 12 should use the main student entrance on Magpie Hall Road and will arrive and depart at the times shown below.

The details for your son or daughter's bubble is below:

Name	Bubble	Day to attend	Arrival Time	Departure Time	Lead staff members

Additional information about returning to school:

Details on arrangements for school lunches, uniform, face masks and keeping bubbles safe can be found in the letter I sent before half term and many questions are answered on the accompanying FAQ sheet. The letter from last term can be found here: –

<https://www.tsatrust.org.uk/about/coronavirus/check-your-schools-status/>

Where to look for further information

We have launched a dedicated website for information on our plans to return students safely to school.

The Thinking Schools Academy Trust is actively responding to ongoing developments with the Coronavirus outbreak so please use the links on this page for updated information on our response and what it will mean for you.

FAQs and information: www.tsatrust.org.uk/coronavirus

A member of staff will contact you to speak with you and your son/daughter later this week to discuss this with you and to answer any questions that you may have.

We look forward to safely welcoming some students back to school next week. We will keep under review our ability to safely accommodate students from other year groups going forward. However, this will only be done when we are confident that this can be done safely.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Gage', written in a cursive style.

Ms M. Gage
Director of Education