

Bredon Hill Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

Bredon Hill Academy Update

After five weeks back at school, we continue to be impressed by how our pupils are responding to the unique challenges we are all facing. We are regularly updating our procedures and our pupils embrace such change with common sense, maturity and great self-discipline. There is also a real sense of camaraderie around school with pupils supporting and looking out for each other. When some Year 7 pupils challenged me to a running race, they gracefully gave me a head-start. They all overtook me within seconds but did cheer and show genuine concern when I eventually hobbled over the finishing line!

Changes to the start of the day

As there are now fewer cars dropping off at the start of the day, we are going to reduce this drop-off time slot. Car drop-off time will now be between **8.15am and 8.25am**. Pupils will follow their Bubble's dedicated pathway to their form room to register with their tutor and order lunch. All pupils will need to be in school before 8.25am.

Walkers will need to be in by 8.20am.

Lesson 1 will now start at 8.30am and finish at 9.30am.

Face Coverings

We would now like all pupils to have a face covering in school, unless they are exempt from wearing one for health, age or disability reasons. Pupils should have an individual sealable plastic bag with them so that they can store their masks in between use.

From Monday 5th October, pupils (unless exempt) who are 11 or above are legally required to wear a face covering on public transport. These are the 540 buses to and from Tewkesbury and Evesham.

In light of the continued and rising increase in community transmission and COVID-19 infection rates, Worcestershire County Council, with advice from Public Health, have decided to make the wearing of face coverings mandatory on Home to School Transport from Tuesday 6th October. This includes the dedicated County EV bus services and the Cresswell private bus to Evesham.

It is recommended that youngsters under the age of 11 wear face coverings. We are therefore going to encourage all of our pupils to wear a face covering when on a bus.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) advice for Parents and Carers

Worcestershire Children First have recently updated their Coronavirus (COVID-19) advice and guidance for parents and carers on their website to include a range of information to support communication with parents and carers. This includes:

- Quick guides on COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence from nursery, school and college.
- Information on when you should book a coronavirus test for a child.
- General advice on whether your child is too ill to attend school.

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20773/coronavirus_covid-19_advice_for_parents_and_carers

School Lunches

From Tuesday 6th October, we are going to extend our school meals provision by opening our dining room, initially to each year group for one day a week:

Year 6 – Tuesday

Year 7 – Wednesday

Year 8 – Thursday

On a 'dining room day', pupils in the specified year group will be able to order additional items, including jacket potato with cheese and beans or on a weekly rota, chicken bites/fish fingers/ sausages/pizza, chips and a vegetable. For dessert, there will be a choice of cake, fruit or yoghurt and a drink of water. Please see our website for our weekly menus (BHA → Pupils → School Catering).

Baguette and pasta pot packed lunches will still be available every day to all pupils.

Pupils will need to order a meal during morning registration. Cost is £2.70 and payments should be made via ParentPay.

IT Room

Our IT Room has now re-opened. We have had partitions put in between facing computers in order to make it as safe as possible for our pupils. The IT Room is located on the second floor in our Year 7 Zone. Pupils in Years 6 and 8 will be escorted to and from the room and will be kept well away from Year 7 pupils. They will also be asked to wear a face covering in the corridor. Please be assured that there will be no 'Bubble' mixing. After each lesson, Mr Bishop (Head of Computing) and a small team are wiping down each screen, keyboard and mouse.

Initially, Mr Bishop will work with Year 6 pupils to introduce and issue login details to Satchel:one and Microsoft Teams. It is essential that all of our pupils know how to use these learning platforms, particularly if we end up in a partial or full lockdown or children have to self-isolate. Mr Bishop will then re-visit Microsoft Teams and Satchel:one with Years 7 and 8.

Cold weather

Further to guidance, we are continuing to keep our classrooms well ventilated by opening doors and windows whenever possible. Now the weather is getting colder, pupils may wear layers under their uniform or they may wear the green school jumper under their blazer.

Thank you for continuing to support us and the measures we are adopting to keep our school community as safe as possible.

Keep safe.

Miss D J West
Headteacher