

# CITY ACADEMY NORWICH

10 July 2020

## **Update as of Friday 10 July 2020**

### **Re: Reopening of school from September**

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you from the staff and governors for your support and unwavering commitment to our young people during what has been an extraordinary time for us all, particularly if your children haven't been able to come back to school this side of summer. Last Thursday's Government briefing detailed the outline for schools returning to full on-site provision in the autumn term. The guidance we have been given is positive and has been welcomed.

There will be some changes needed. Some things we are currently doing, but further changes may include staggered starts and finishes, breaks and lunch times to minimise movement, and gathering in and around the Academy. We are working on these plans and will send details to you as soon as we can, so that you have time to get anything additional you need organised. Further details will be sent by the end of next week, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

I would like to confirm that our originally published back to school dates in September are being modified to support the safe return of all our students, and to ensure all young people are able to walk through the changes in a safe and meaningful way before the whole school population is together. Please see below conformation of these dates and times for each year group.

### **September 2020 revised start dates due to COVID-19 impact:**

Week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August – Year 6 summer school

03 September 2020 – Inset Day 1 – no students in school

04 September 2020 – Inset Day 2 – no students in school

07 September 2020 – Year 7 only in school

08 September 2020 – Year 7 & Year 11 only in school

09 Wed September 2020 – Year 8 only in school

10 Thurs September 2020 – Year 9 only in school

11 Fri September 2020 – Year 10 only in school

Whole school returns in full with all students (*staggered start times to be confirmed next week*) Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September

As has been highlighted in all my communications, the safety and wellbeing of all our young people, staff and visitors into the Academy is key, the steps we will take from the guidance will ensure that we minimise transmission as much as possible, whilst allowing us to use common sense and flexibility to make this work at City Academy Norwich. Therefore, from September attendance will be compulsory for all young people from their given start date.

A second peak of COVID-19 has not been ruled out, and so we will remain responsive to local rises and be prepared for a temporary closure if requested by the County Council to ensure we avoid another national shutdown again. I will send more information about how the Academy will run under the new guidelines next week as stated above. I look forward to returning and seeing all our young people in September and am delighted that we have come out of the last few months with such positivity. It is a great pleasure to be Headteacher of City Academy Norwich and I would like to thank you for your support over this time.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Collin  
Headteacher