

25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The purpose of this letter is to provide you all with an update of the systems controls in place to reduce risk of Covid 19 transmission in and around the Academy. From Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June there will be a modification to some of those systems of controls, due to the reduced number of students in the Academy since year 11 have left.

As stated in previous letters, student compliance with the changing Covid safety measures and systems of controls has been excellent throughout this academic year. It has been rewarding to have this acknowledged by the small number of visitors that we have been able to welcome into the Academy. Students have demonstrated adaptability over this sustained period and we have every confidence that this will be replicated with the modified system of controls from Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

The systems of controls that will remain constant are detailed below:

- The compulsory washing of hands at sanitisation stations on entry to the Academy and prior to entering the dining hall or eating at the outdoor dining benches.
- The retention of social time year group bubbles at break and lunch time.
- The expectation that classrooms are well ventilated with windows and doors open reducing the risk of aerosol transmission.
- All classroom seats and desks will continue to be placed facing forward reducing face to face interactions between students.
- Retention of the staggered end of the day to allow student year group bubbles to depart safely.

Those systems of controls that will be modified from Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June:

- Staff will ensure that all children sanitise their hands on entry to every classroom, promoting good hand hygiene.
- Staff will now be based in a single classroom for the majority of their timetable and students will move throughout the Academy building to specialist classrooms and departments.

## Face coverings

- It remains mandatory for staff members to wear face coverings when they are unable to socially distance themselves from students or other staff.
- Some students have continued to wear their face coverings in the Academy and it would be recommended that students once more bring their face coverings with them for movement through the Academy corridors.

These amendments will allow all students to access subject specialist rooms for their lessons including the creative arts, performing arts, science and technology lessons whilst maintaining a good level of safety.

We once again thank all parents and carers for their support. If you have any questions regarding the amendment to the systems of controls please contact the academy via email on [enquiries@ripon.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@ripon.outwood.com).

Yours faithfully,



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