



Further Information for students with Special Educational Needs at Wath Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer / Student

I have put together some further information to help support student's return to school. This document should be read in conjunction with the full opening plan and risk assessment. That document can be found on our website.

SEN Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will still be able to access the SEN office, but you will need knock on the door and a member of the SEN team will come and take you to a different room. • This is to ensure we maintain social distancing.
Staff wearing masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will need to wear face masks if they are talking to you so that you and they are safe.
First day arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of staff will be available to help you get to where you need to go to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Years 12 and 13 – 6th Form Study Area ➤ Year 11 – Canteen ➤ Year 10 – Main Hall ➤ Year 9 – Year 8/9 Social Area ➤ Year 8 – PE Gyms ➤ Year 7 – PE Sports Hall • All the information on the website tells you which gate you need to use or the area for your year group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Years 12 and 13 should enter the site via the bus turning circle gate and then use the back door of the 6th form study area to enter the building ➤ Year 11 should enter the site via the bus turning circle gate and then use the stairs to walk down to the canteen ➤ Years 7 and 8 should use the Festival Road entrance ➤ Years 9 and 10 should enter the site via the two main Sandygate pedestrian entrances. • You will spend the morning with your tutor, after you have had an assembly. • You will receive your timetable during your tutor time. • TA's will be visiting tutor rooms to make sure you are clear about the changes and to help answer any questions you may have.

Physical Sensory Needs students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The staff will meet you as normal and take you to the area you need to go to. Mr Matthews has ensured you will be socially distanced from each other if you are in The Parkin Suite.
Tutor time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apart from the first day, tutor time will take place with your P1 teacher. When you arrive at school you will need to go to your year group's area and then go to P1. TA's will be visiting P1 to make sure you know what you are doing and where you need to be.
Lanyards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will be given a brand-new lanyard on the first day. Bring your old one to swap. Each year group will have their own coloured lanyard. This lets us know which students are in which year group and that you are in the right place at the right time.
Break / lunchtime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At break and lunchtime, you will need to be in your year group's area. Lots of staff will be on duty in your area so go to them if you need help. They will be able to contact SEN staff if you need them to. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Y12 & 13 - 6th Form Study and Grass out back ➤ Y11 - Canteen and Main Yard (with tables) ➤ Y10 - Main Hall and Community Car Park ➤ Y9 - Year 8/9, 11 Social Area and Technology Yard ➤ Y8 - Blue Gym and Top Gym (and front of school) ➤ Y7 - Sports Hall (and tennis courts) There will be a quiet lunchroom near to each main space which will be run by a member of the SEN team. You can go and eat your lunch in there. You do not have to stay in there all lunchtime, but you must remain in your year group's area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Y11 – G9 ➤ Y10 – G1 ➤ Y9 – G14 ➤ Y8 – PE2 ➤ Y7 – PE1
AAA cards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually the AAA cards are used because you are moving from lesson to lesson on very busy corridors. As you will be having double lessons it will reduce the number of times that you would be on busy corridors. The corridors will be much quieter as only 2-year groups will be using them at any one time. At this time, all students will also be following social distancing rules. There will be lots of staff around to walk you to your areas so you will probably not need to use a card. This will be reviewed every week by the SEN team and SLT.

If you need a member of the SEN team during lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every member of staff will have a radio and will be able to contact either Miss Greenfield or Mrs Stone Riley who will be able to come to speak to you.
If you need 'time out' in lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every member of staff will have a radio and will be able to contact a member of staff on active support, Miss Greenfield or Mrs Stone Riley who will be able to come and collect you. • You will be taken to an area near to the SEN department. • You cannot be around school without a member of staff. This will make sure you are safe but also that you are not on the corridors when students from other year groups are on the corridor.
Classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the classrooms will be set up in the same way. All tables will be in rows and facing the front. The teacher will teach from a marked area on the floor which will be 2m distance from the group. • You will be in lessons with all the other people in your class. • Most of the work will be carried out individually.
Support in class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are being supported in class, the TA will be wearing a mask. • The TA will be sat next to students but will not be able to touch your work. • The TA's will be able to show you how to do something in their own book. • Your teacher will have to teach from the front of the class.
Interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are taking part in an intervention, staff will take you to an area of school that is only being used by your year group. • TA's will wear a mask.
One-way system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The one-way system must be followed. You will be told about it on your first day in school. • The SEN team will help you to understand where you need to go.

You may have more questions and if so, please email me on the following email address and I will try to get back to you as soon as possible; sen@wathacademy.com or telephone directly on 01709 760222 Option 5.

The SEN team will continue to support students fully and we are looking forward to welcoming our students back into school.

Miss Greenfield
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