

# Welcome Back Briefing



*'The safety and wellbeing of The Brittons community is paramount'*

- ❑ The safety and wellbeing of each and every student, staff member and their families must be at the heart of all that we do as we begin to re-open.
- ❑ We are not ‘getting back to normal’.
- ❑ We are working in a ‘new normal’ and things will need to look different so we must accept that new rules and routines are there simply to keep us all as safe and healthy as possible.
- ❑ It is natural and understandable to have mixed feelings about returning to school. We will all have had very different experiences during the last few months. We cannot expect to all feel the same about returning - everyone has the right to feel the way they do and nobody will be judged for the way they feel.



***What we need to remember is we are in control of our behaviours and the actions we take***

***and***

***together we form a strong community capable of taking good care of ourselves and each other.***

# Government guidance...

# ...our response



- 25% of Year 10 in at any one time
- Practice social distancing at 2m where possible
- Classes of no more than half usual size
- Supplement remote learning with some face-to-face learning
- Avoid split-day rotas

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- Floor markings and classroom layouts to enable social distancing
- Classes of less than half usual size
- A blocked rota of face-to-face learning

## **In addition:**

- Increased cleaning capacity from site team
- Time to deep clean spaces used built into every day
- Anti-bacterial wipes, hand sanitiser and soap available in all in-use spaces and bathrooms

# Students will...

*Stay 2m apart from all other students and staff at all times.*



- Make your way to school individually or 2m apart if walking with a friend
- Be at school for 8:50am and make your way straight to the side doors of the hall (in the visitor car park)
- Be given a seat which is yours whenever you are in the hall
- Be escorted to your classroom and given a personal workspace which is yours whenever you are in that room (these will not be changed - please don't waste learning time asking)
- Sanitise hands on entry and exit to a new room (using either your own sanitiser or the one provided in each room)
- Receive a stationery pack which you will need to bring with you each day. **Only** use your own equipment!
- Remain seated at all times unless given permission to move out of your seat

# Students will...

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- Be permitted to use the toilet at breaktime (Staff will tell you which ones you can use and only one person will be allowed into the toilet area at any one time)
- Wash your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds before eating or after using the bathroom
- Bring your own snack to eat between your two lessons and a water bottle with enough water to see you through your time at school (water fountains cannot be used)
- Use the floor markings as you move around the academy to help you social distance
- Leave the site using main gate
- Remember social distancing on your way home and go straight home

***Breaktime will need to look very different at first. This is not to stop you having fun. We know you want to spend time with your friends but we have to all accept the changes are helping us to stay safe.***

# Be on time!

## Punctuality is more important than ever!



- In order to keep the site as clean as possible, minimising infection risk, we need to carefully manage *how* and *when* we have people moving around so the site team can carry out the work that is helping to ***keep us all healthy and well.***
- Staff will need to supervise entrances and corridors etc. Those same staff will have other responsibilities once they have seen students through entrances. They cannot and will not wait for students who are late.
- You have limited time at school - let's not lose any more valuable learning time through lateness!
- If you arrive late we will, unfortunately, not be able to accept you into the academy that day

# Parents/ carers will...

*Emphasise to their child the importance of abiding by all new requirements.*



- Ensure students attend fully equipped for lessons (they will receive a stationery pack on their first day back - they **MUST** bring this every day)
- Make sure your child leaves in good time to make it to the academy for 8:50am
- Provide students with a drink and snack each day they attend (*students receiving free school meals will be able to collect a packed lunch at the end of the morning to have at home*)
- Notify the academy, in the usual way, if your child is going to be absent
- Not be permitted on site without an appointment. Please phone reception if you wish to speak with any member of staff and we will arrange that for you.
- If you walk your child to school, you will leave them at the gate. If you drop off/pick up your child by car please use the Main car park (not the Visitors' car park in front of Reception)

# If you feel unwell at school...



- Notify your teacher immediately
- Be as clear as possible about your symptoms
- Trust us make decisions to support you
- Follow all instructions about where to go
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow
- Put all tissues in a bin

***Most importantly... if you, or anyone in your household, has any symptoms of COVID19 whilst at home DO NOT come in to the academy.***

***Follow the publicised guidance on self-isolation.***

# Dress code...



You are not required to wear uniform when you come in to school. Government advice to schools is that students wear clothes that can be easily washed after being worn.

As intelligent young people, please adopt a common-sense approach in choosing comfortable and suitable clothes.

Make sure you dress for the weather - maybe have a sweatshirt you can put on/remove as needed.

Clothing should be of a sensible length, not see-through or revealing, and with no graphics or slogans of a sexual/political nature or that could cause offence.

Help us focus on your learning by making sensible choices before you leave home.

**Students making unsuitable clothing choices may be asked to return home to change.**

Got a question?  
Need some support?



Talk to a member of staff you feel comfortable with. They will listen to you and support you. They will help you find an answer to your question or the right support for any issues arising.

**Be kind - look after one another while we all get used to being together again.**

# Students/Parents & Carers

(Please be aware...)



Staff at Brittons Academy are delighted to be welcoming you back to school!

We cannot wait to continue supporting all the hard work you have been putting in at home and helping you to make even more progress.

Each individual student, parent & carer and staff member however, holds some responsibility for the health, safety and wellbeing of every other member of our community - ***none of us stand alone***. We are all somebody's brother, sister, mum, dad, uncle, aunty etc and deserve to be treated with empathy and respect.

To ensure that continues to happen, please make sure you fully understand the '**Code of Conduct**' you will be asked to sign at your one-to-one meeting.

## FINALLY:

- ❑ Pupils must not attempt to deliberately move within 2 meters of any person or make any attempt to make physical contact with any person.
- ❑ Pupils must not deliberately and unnecessarily perform actions associated with symptoms of Covid-19, for example but not limited to, coughing and/or sneezing.
- ❑ Pupils must follow the government guidance when needing to cough or sneeze by covering their mouth and nose with a tissue or coughing or sneezing into their arm.
- ❑ During the limited movement of pupils between classrooms, there may be short periods of time where pupils are not in the direct sight of staff. Pupils must continue to meet the expectations that have been detailed and explained to them during these times.
- ❑ Teachers will address poor behaviour by speaking to the pupil and giving them an instruction to stop the witnessed behaviour before informing a member of the Senior Leadership Team if the behaviour continues.



**Any pupil failing to cooperate with these expectations will be directed to leave site.**  
**Parents will be informed by phone. The pupil and parents will be required to meet with the Principal to discuss the conditions under which their provision can continue.**