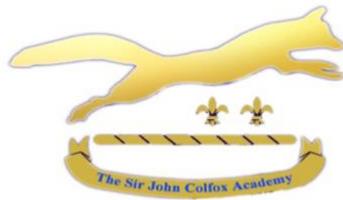


# The Sir John Colfox Academy



**Inspiring Learning, Achieving Excellence**

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Dear Parents

What a fantastic start of term we have had. Attendance has been nearly 100% in all year groups and your daughters and sons have been a credit to the Academy and community. I spoke to one Year 7 who said that they had sanitised their hands 25 times during the day! They have done brilliantly navigating around the one way system and sticking to their Zones at break and lunch time. This week we have reviewed these systems and adapted accordingly to help make the school run even more smoothly. Over the next few weeks we will be looking to see if we can start to add some activities, while ensuring everyone is safe, and we can get the Academy ready for the next day. It is so nice to see the students enjoying being back with their peers and getting back into good learning habits. I think that you might find they are exhausted this weekend as another student I spoke to said that they had walked over 8km during the day. I hope they can have a restful weekend and be ready for Monday. Your child will have homework but this will mainly be done through Teams rather than in their books. In Year 7 we will be showing them how Teams works over the next few weeks and we will gradually build up to a full homework timetable by October.

We will be sending out our adapted attendance and behaviour policy as well as a help sheet for parents in case your child becomes unwell. This will include what to do in different situations. I would like to remind parents that if your child has Covid symptoms (a high temperature, continuous cough, a loss or change in sense of smell or taste) then do not send them into school, this applies to any of their siblings as well. You must get a test and only if this is negative, even if they feel better, then they can come back to school. If the test is positive then the whole household needs to self-isolate for 14 days even if no symptoms develop. We will provide work for those students who are self-isolating. This is important to keep everyone safe so please let the Academy know so we can follow our procedures in school.

We are pleased to say that due to our extensive planning and all the support we are giving our students to get them back to school safely, we have been chosen to help OFSTED with their new inspection during these Covid times. We will therefore be having two inspectors in on Tuesday 15 September to meet with myself, the Senior Leadership Team and some Middle Leaders. We are looking forward to sharing all our plans with them and helping shape how they will inspect other schools during these difficult Covid times. They will not be going into lessons or talking to any students as they do not want to break any bubbles. This will not lead to any judgment but will help them to plan their inspections in the future.

I would like to thank all members of staff for their hard work this week to make everything so smooth, and to parents for their continued support as we all work through this new normal, and finally the students who have been amazing.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Shelley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Adam Shelley  
Headteacher