



Shawlands Academy



Frequently Asked Questions – August 2020

This is intended to support your child's return to the school building. All information is correct at the time of writing (17th June 2020) but further updates and adaptations may need to be communicated.

Emergency Contact Information:

It is really important that we have accurate emergency contact details for young people and we will be asking that the "Data sheet" is updated asap in the new term. If you change telephone number, e mail or home address please contact the school immediately.

Entering and exiting the school building:

There will be 4 entrances / exits in use: three at the front of the building and one at the Maths block. More information will follow regarding which entrance your child should use.

When leaving the building, young people should use the exit nearest to them at the end of their session and quickly depart from the school.

Moving around the building:

A 'One Way System' will be in operation, where possible. This will be marked with arrows and young people, and staff & visitors, will be expected to use this at all times.

Movement will be limited, when possible. Pupils should move as quickly as possible to their next teaching area.

We will be employing a 'no bells' strategy – this means that not every pupil will be required to move at the same time and should help with potential corridor congestion.

Hygiene:

Pupils will be expected to wash their hands on entering the building. We are in the process of ordering hand sanitisers for areas around the school so pupils should wash their hands, or sanitise, before and after each lesson.

Pupils will be required to wipe their own work stations at the end of use with antibacterial spray or wipes – which will be provided. This is one of the recommendations from the Scottish Government.

Pupils should follow advice re coughing and sneezing - there will be posters around the school. I ask that you also discuss this with your child and encourage them to use tissues to sneeze into, which should then be placed in the nearest bin.

PPE will not be provided.

In class:

All classrooms will be set up to incorporate social distancing and young people should sit in the allocated seat.

They cannot walk freely around the classroom but obviously if they need the toilet etc. arrangements will be made to allow them to go.

Social distancing – 2m apart from other people – should be observed at all times.

Health:

If your child develops any of the 3 main symptoms we will self-isolate them in a room designated for this purpose and contact you immediately to collect them from school. They should then be taken for a test and will not be able to return to School without a negative test or 7 days. The Test & Protect Scheme should protect us all but I'd appreciate it if you inform us if any family member develops symptoms.

Fire Evacuation:

We have revisited our Fire Evacuation Procedures and will share these with pupils on the first day back. Emergency exits will still be the one closest to the room / area that pupils are in.

Additional information:

Young people should bring their own water to school and not use the water fountains. If they are unwell we can provide water safely.

Food will not be served in the fuel zone – unless your child is eligible for free school meals.

Should you need to speak to school staff, please phone the school office or e mail. During this time, there will be no face to face meetings so you will not be able to come into school unless it is an emergency.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office or e mail.

Many thanks,

Mrs Pauline Carr

Head Teacher

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