



The Birley Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now a week in to our new academy year. All the staff are delighted to have our students back with us and to be functioning in a much more usual way. They have made a strong start to the term and I have seen excellent learning and engagement this week.

Academy News

Next week we have curriculum information evenings for all Year Groups. These are an excellent opportunity to hear about what your child will be studying over the year as well as general updates on the academy. The information will be available virtually for those of you who are unable to make the evening.

Home Learning

We are of course hoping that students will be attending in person more this year but resources will still continue to be posted online as they have been for the past year.

Testing

Pupils are now finishing their second in school lateral flow tests and so now, in line with government guidance we are asking students to complete two tests per week at home. As the guidance states as many as one in three people who contract the virus show no symptoms so they could be spreading the virus unknowingly. Testing of all staff and students will support the academy in continuing to operate smoothly.

Safeguarding

A reminder that the Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Mr M Jones Deputy Headteacher. The Deputy DSLs are Ms J Abbott and the Assistant Headteachers Ms M Thomas and Ms T Clarke the email is safeguarding@birleysecondaryacademy.co.uk. If you have any concern about the safeguarding of any child then you should contact them. Out of hours and in the holidays you should contact the Sheffield Safeguarding Hub on 01142734855

Parking

As you will be aware, parking at and near the school is at a premium. There are in the car park designated spaces for visitors with blue badges. Please ensure that unless you have a blue badge, you do not park or stop to drop off or pick up in these spaces. They are in constant use as we have a number of students who have a blue badge. They must be kept clear. If your children are travelling by car please encourage them to walk to a spot away from the immediate roads surrounding the academy which get very congested at peak times. Please remind your children to be vigilant when crossing roads.

Rewards

I've been really delighted by the number of reward points that have been already handed out this term- including three Head Teacher awards. This shows the excellent attitudes and determination of our students to do well.



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Over the next fortnight we will be starting to publicise our enrichment calendar, please encourage your child to get involved in activities outside the classroom. It's something we have really missed doing over recent months.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for the lovely feedback that we have had from you this week. I hope that you all have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully

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