

Brigantia Learning Trust Parent Guidance

1. Wider opening of education settings

1.1 When will early years settings, schools and colleges open to more children and young people?

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Primary Academies

Primary Academies in Brigantia Learning Trust are preparing to open on June 15th for pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

Pupils will attend for a morning or an afternoon session.

Pupils will be placed in small groups of between 8-10 pupils with a familiar adult – these are called social bubbles.

Academies will only open when Public Health Sheffield declare it is safe to do so.

Secondary Academies and Post 16

Secondary Academies and our Post-16 Sixth form will offer pupils individual tutoring sessions with a teacher throughout the week.

Academies will only open when Public Health Sheffield declare it is safe to do so.

1.4 Can you guarantee it will be safe for pupils and staff?

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All academies have been thoroughly cleaned prior to re-opening more widely.

Classrooms have been organised to prioritise social distancing.

Pupils will have a staggered starts to reduce the numbers entering the site at one time.

Pupils will be organised into small social bubbles of no more than 8-10 children to 1 adult.

Each social bubble will use a different entrance into and out of the school.

Academies will operate a one-way system to move around the corridors.

Throughout each academy there will be clear signs displayed to ensure social distancing.

Hand washing or hand sanitising facilities will be available in all classrooms.

Hand washing will be part of the curriculum and will happen at hourly intervals throughout the day.

Each pupil will have their own wallet of basic equipment.

Classrooms and the school environment will be cleaned throughout the day.

1.5 Why are you welcoming more children back when they can't stay 2m apart?

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Pupils will be organised into small social bubbles of no more than 8-10 children to 1 adult.

Social bubbles will not mix during the day.

Adults and children will not move from their allocated social bubble.

Each social bubble will use a different entrance into and out of the school.

All classrooms will be well ventilated throughout the day.

Wherever possible learning will take place outside.

Learning resources and classroom furniture have been minimised to ensure that pupils have access to the essentials that can be easily cleaned.

Learning resources have been divided between the social bubbles and will be used on a rotational basis to ensure they are cleaned before re-using.

1.7 Can you guarantee that eligible children and young people will be able to attend their usual educational setting, school, or childcare provider?

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Every Brigantia Learning Trust Academy will open enabling pupils to attend their own school and be taught by familiar adults.

1.10 Will parents of eligible children be penalised if they do not send their child to school?

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Each academy will be following the Government's attendance guidance.

Parents with pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will be encouraged to send their child to school on a daily basis for either a morning or an afternoon session.

Parents with pupils in Year 10 or Year 12 will be encourage to send their child to school to attend the 1:1 sessions as directed.

Parents of pupils in these year groups will be phoned on a daily basis if the school has not had a reason for their non-attendance.

Each academy will maintain regular contact with pupils who are self-isolating or within a vulnerable group who do not attend school.

1.12 Will education be provided as normal to children who are attending?

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Pupils within the primary phase will attend either a morning or afternoon session.

During the summer term the emphasis will be upon re-establishing routines and systems, developing pupil's mental health and well-being alongside focusing on basic literacy and numeracy skills for all pupils.

The curriculum for each year group has been carefully adapted to support the personalised needs of individual pupils.

Appropriate arrangements have been put into place to support pupils at each stage of transition, either Year 2 into 3, Year 6 into 7 and Year 11 into Sixth form.

1.14 Can I send my child to breakfast/ after school clubs?

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Breakfast and afterschool clubs normally accessible in our academies will not start until each school returns to full-time education.

1.15 Can my child repeat a year?

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Teachers are very aware of the disruption that this pandemic has caused to the education of the pupils within their class.

A wide variety of strategies will be implemented to ensure that pupils will not need to repeat the year.

Academies are currently working on adapting the long-term curriculum plans for each year group to ensure that gaps in learning can be addressed over time.

Teachers will continue to work closely with pupils, parents, specialist staff and external agencies to support individual pupils.
Intervention strategies and support will be used to support individuals or groups of pupils where necessary.

6. Free school meals

6.1 If my child is eligible for free school meals, will they still receive a meal or food voucher if they are not attending school?

In Brigantia Learning Trust

As a Trust we have ensured that families receive a free school meal voucher from the beginning of the pandemic.

In order to overcome the capacity issues of the scheme we quickly moved to 4 week vouchers.

We have a dedicated help line to resolve parent's questions.

From 15th June vouchers will not continue for families entitled to a free school meal with a child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. This is because they are entitled to return to school and the meal is being provided there.

Vouchers will continue for entitled families in all other year groups.

7.5 My child has an EHC plan. What support will they receive?

In Brigantia Learning Trust

Each academy has a member of staff allocated to support all Special Educational needs pupils called a SENDco.

The SENDco within each school will continue to keep in regular touch with all families where a child has been awarded an EHC plan.

Appropriate support, advice and guidance will continue to be provided by the SENDco and teachers within each academy whether the pupil attends school or continues with the home learning programme.

EHC plan multi-agency reviews will be held online until it is appropriate to meet face to face.

8.5 What advice is available to parents with children, to help them support their children's education at home?

In Brigantia Learning Trust

All academies within Brigantia Learning Trust have provided a wide range of home learning activities during the lockdown period.

Primary academies are using Dojo to support the pupils learning and to maintain regular contact with them. The secondary academies have used Moodle to provide their home learning for pupils and for students in the sixth form Longley Parks has used Google classroom.

Paper packs have been provided in all phases of education for pupils who do not have access to online learning resources.

Home learning will continue to be provided throughout the summer term for primary, secondary and sixth form pupils.

8.7 Is my child at additional risk while spending more time online?

In Brigantia Learning Trust

Academies within the Trust have used recognised learning platforms to provide home learning opportunities and regular contact to ensure pupil and staff safety.

Staff have been given clear guidance on online safety procedures.

8.10 What support is available for children/young people who receive SEN support?

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Brigantia Learning Trust follows the Government guidance provided

All the information in this document is additional to this.