

Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

At the end of the second week of term, we now have all year groups back at City Academy, and it has been a pleasure to have our pupils back in school learning. I have been really impressed with how our students have transitioned back into school, and adapted to the new school routines. All students have had a thorough induction to support students back into school.

We are also pleased with our student attendance, thank you for your support in sending your children to school. This is really important, and the Government has made clear that it expects all children to attend school, except where, in line with public health advice, they are self-isolating and have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves, or because they are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19). Please report this absence to our attendance officer as normal, our attendance line is 0117 9542822 or by email to lisa.bunker@clf.uk

To summarise our arrangements:

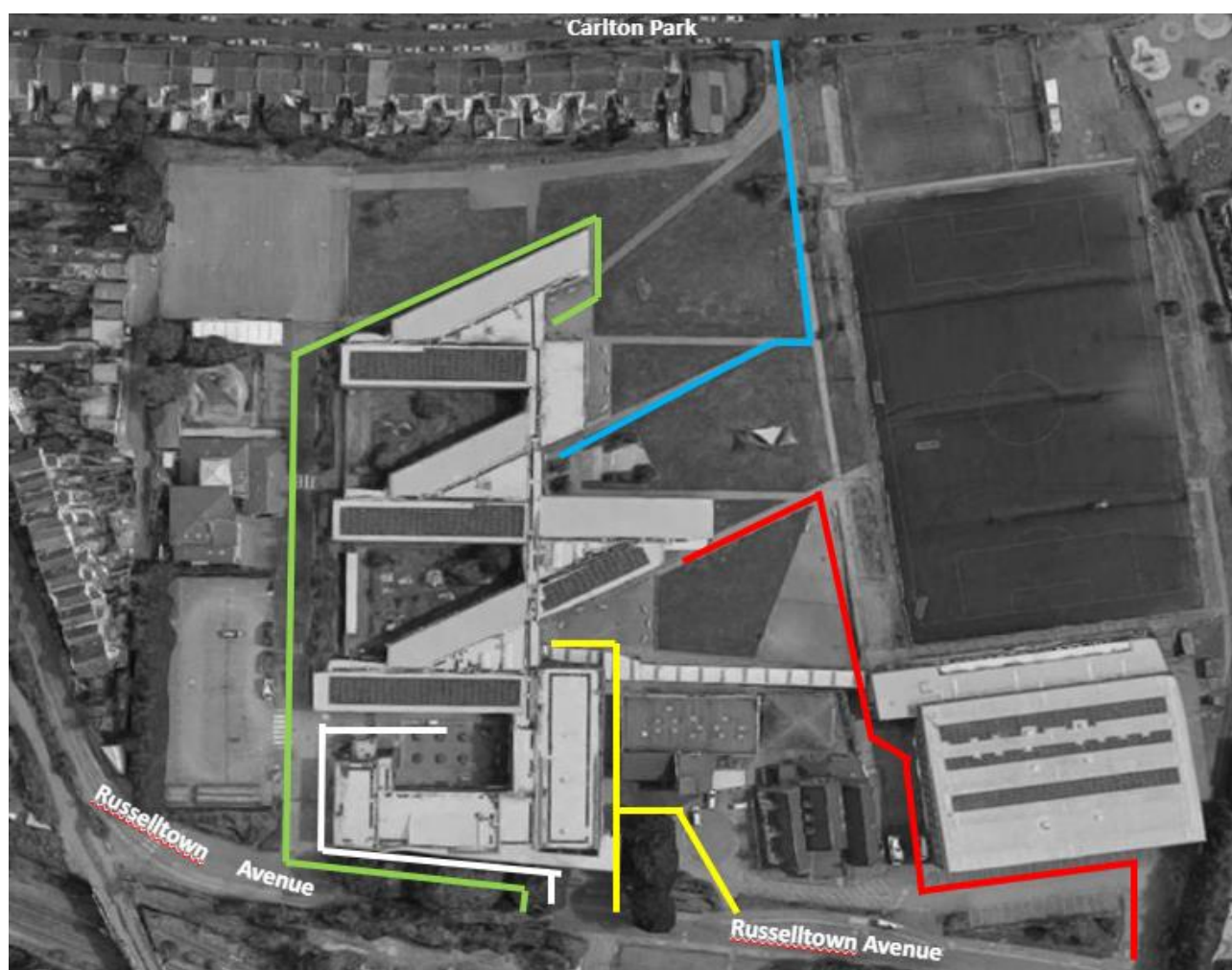
- Year groups are kept apart from arrival, throughout the school day and on departure
- Students are allowed onto school site, through their allocated gate at 8.30am – the gates are shown below.
- Please can you do everything you can to encourage your child to go to the correct entrance and not meet at the front of the school, especially at the end of the day
- We are unfortunately unable to provide breakfast at the moment
- Students will be asked to wash and sanitise their hands throughout the day
- Students can bring a bag, pencil case, their books and packed lunch (if they are having it).
- It is really important that students bring a filled water bottle with their name on
- At the moment, we are unable to allow students to use lockers so please only bring in items that can fit comfortably in their bag
- On days where students have PE, they are to wear their PE kit to school and can wear it all day to avoid the use of the changing rooms
- There is currently no recommendation for face coverings to be worn by staff or pupils, except where they are using public transport to get to school
- We continue to undertake enhanced cleaning

Entrance Colour	Location of Entrance
White	Side gates into the Venue
Yellow	Student gates into student entrance
Red	Sports Hall gates into red fire exits
Blue	Carlton Park gates into blue fire exits
Green	Cage gates into green doors

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Year group	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
7	Blue	Green	White	Yellow	Yellow
8	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	White
9	Green	Red	Red	White	Green
10	Red	White	Green	Red	Blue
11	White	Blue	Blue	Blue	Red



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Travel to and from school

We ask that wherever possible you **do not drive your child to school**. We would encourage all students to walk or cycle to school.

Soaring rates of childhood obesity and illnesses such as Type 2 Diabetes associated with this can be prevented through a healthy dose of walking. In fact, walking helps protect the body from many serious illnesses later on in life. A brisk walk to school can help them get their daily exercise and arrive at school or home, refreshed and energised.

We also want to reduce the pollution in our community, particularly around our school. Your child's growing lungs need clean, healthy air to grow properly. Unnecessary vehicle pollution is a contributor to air pollution and an increased health risk in our community. Alarmingly, one of the areas where unnecessary car pollution occurs the most, is at schools where parents wait to drop off and pick up their children.

If you have no other option than to drive your child to school, it is of absolute importance that you follow our safety measures in place. Please ensure you drive slowly and sensibly, following our signs and staff directions. This is absolutely essential, especially since we have pupils going in to different entrances, we cannot risk an accident occurring.

Lunch

Students are able to bring their own packed lunch. If they wish to have school lunch, we are currently able to offer the choice of a sandwich or a hot option such as a pasta pot. A meal is £2.30 which is for the sandwich/hot option and a pudding. Students are asked at the beginning of the day which option they would like, so our catering team can prepare. We use a biometric account system for payment. To 'top up' their account, students can put cash into our topping up machine on the day in which their year group is in the 'white' area shown above. This does mean that ideally students need to top up to cover a week's worth of meals. Alternatively, parents can top up their child's account paying by card over the phone or in person at reception by cash or card.

Those entitled to free school meals will have the same choice but will not be required to pay.

Parent Pay

We will be moving over to Parent Pay, which is a system which allows parents to pay online for various things including food and trips etc. We will aim to have this in place ready for next term and will be writing to you with all the information you will need in the coming weeks.

Contact with staff

Please note that if you wish to discuss a matter relating to your child in school, your first point of contact should be your child's Learning Facilitator, whom they see every day. You can call school where we can take a message and ask your child's Learning Facilitator to call you, or you can email CABinfo@clf.uk and we will forward the email to their Learning Facilitator.

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Term Dates 2020-2021

Term	Start	End
Autumn Term 1	Tuesday 1st September	Friday 23rd October
Autumn Term 2	Monday 2nd November 2020	Friday 18th December 2020
Spring Term 3	Monday 4th January 2021	Friday 12th February 2021
Spring Term 4	Monday 22nd February 2021	Thursday 1st April 2021
Summer Term 5	Monday 19th April 2021	Friday 28th May 2021
Summer Term 6	Monday 7th June 2021	Wednesday 21st July 2021

Remaining Key Dates 2020-2021

INSET Days

Thursday 22nd October 2020

Friday 23rd October 2020

Friday 18th December 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Wednesday 17th March 2021

Friday 2nd July 2021

Other:

Thursday 1st October – Open Evening – *Please note that this is now a virtual event, so students will not finish early, they will finish at their normal time.*

Thursday 17th December – students finish school at 12.55pm

Wednesday 21st July - students finish school at 12.55pm

Friday 2nd April – Good Friday Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd May 2020 – Bank Holiday

Friday 7th May – Closed for school to be used for elections – Only Year 11 in school

Parent & Other Evenings

Year 7	Thursday 8 th October 2020 Thursday 24 th June 2021	Parents Evening – settling in – <i>will be a virtual event</i> Parents Evening
Year 8	Thursday 25 th February 2021	Parents Evening
Year 9	Thursday 28 th January 2021	Options Evening and Parents Evening
Year 10	Thursday 24 th September 2020 Thursday 11 th February 2021	GCSE Information Evening – <i>will be a virtual event</i> Parents Evening
Year 11	Thursday 10 th December 2020 Thursday 25 th March 2021	Parents Evening Parents Evening

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Thank you for all your support, if you have any questions or concerns please contact me via the school number or email CABinfo@clf.uk

Best wishes



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