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Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**Re: Start of term, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have waited patiently for our doors to open for all students and we are very much looking forward to seeing our former students as well as our new year 7 students on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020. As I have said previously, I would like to reassure you that your child's transition back into full time education will be well supported. We will spend time building relationships and easing all students back to learning in a newly adapted environment.

I urge you to refresh your memories on the communication I sent you in July. For ease, I am re-sending it to you along with this letter. There will also additional information under the parent tab on the secondary website this week for your reference. Please click on the COVID-19 tab and familiarise yourself with the information.

**Please note:**

**First day of school**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**

Year 7 students will need to arrive promptly between 7.50am and 8.00am and Year 8 students between 8.00am and 8.10am. Students must be in full school uniform at the Secondary entrance where they will be welcomed by the Year 7 and Year 8 Pastoral team. All students will have their temperature taken and students will be expected to sanitise their hands (this will be a daily practice as they come into the building). Students will remain in their Year group bubbles at all times.

Students will have a full day of getting to know their form class, orienteering themselves with the layout of the building, learning about our expectations and how to be a successful student at Atam Academy.

All Year 7 students will be sitting Cognitive ability tests (CATs) which will be spread out over the course of this week. Year 7 and year 8 students will also have some baseline tests so that we can map our provision accurately. Students will be given regular breaks when sitting tests. All formal teaching will begin week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

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## **Secondary students shape of their school day from w/b Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020:**

**7.50am-** Year 7 students to start arriving

**8.00am** - Year 8 Students to start arriving

**8.00-8.10am** - All Year groups lined up, temperature taken and hands sanitised before going up to their class in bubbles. Bags, coats placed in student's designated areas. Mobile phone switched off and in their bags. Students will not be able to view their phones until they leave the site at 2.45pm.

**8.15-8.45am** - Tutor time/Assembly time (Religious and Secular)/Accelerated Reader (AR) library time

**8.45-9.45am** - Lesson 1

**9.45-10.45am** - Lesson 2

**10.45-11.00am** - Socially distanced breaktime. No snacks will be available at school at this time. Students are encouraged to bring in a healthy vegetarian snack.

**11.00-12.00pm-** Lesson 3

**12.00-1.00pm-** Lesson 4

**1.00-1.45pm** - Lunch will be staggered and will take place in year group bubbles. Students will be offered hot and cold options that will be pre-packaged by our chef. Students are welcome to bring in a healthy vegetarian packed lunch. Please click here for more information on what food and drink is permitted at school

<https://www.khalsaacademiustrust.com/2997/vegetarian-eating-at-atam-1>

**1.45-2.45pm-** Lesson 5

**2.50-3.50pm-** Enrichment on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (once we are not social distancing) **There will be no enrichment in the first half term.** Teachers will run enrichment on a weekly basis after October half term. We will inform you if we are able to run enrichment earlier in the first half term, depending on government and trust guidance.

Students will be dismissed from the gates at 2.45pm daily.

There is no on-site parking for parents and carers. Students are expected to enter the school gates by themselves. Students taking public transport must be aware of the bus time schedules as well as the route that their bus takes. If you are picking your child up

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from school, you are encouraged to walk or take public transport yourself and will have to arrange where you will meet your son/daughter, outside the school entrance area.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's form tutor. I have listed key staff below for your quick reference. Please be advised that staff will be busy during the school day but will endeavour to respond to your queries within 48 hrs.

### **Key staff**

Head of KS3: Mr Singh [b.singh@atamacademy.com](mailto:b.singh@atamacademy.com)  
Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator: Miss Alexander  
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### **Tutors**

#### **Year 7**

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7S: Miss Virk [m.virk@atamacademy.com](mailto:m.virk@atamacademy.com)

#### **Year 8**

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8T: Miss Brewer [j.brewer@atamacademy.com](mailto:j.brewer@atamacademy.com) and  
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8M: Miss Ali [j.ali@atamacademy.com](mailto:j.ali@atamacademy.com)

8S: Mrs Pearson [r.pearson@atamacademy.com](mailto:r.pearson@atamacademy.com)

With best wishes,  
Mrs Piesse

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Piesse', written in dark ink.

Executive Headteacher