



14<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Wider opening of JCA from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

We are really looking forward to welcoming all of our children safely back on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**. Our Reception new starters starting date will vary (to ensure a staggered start) and range from starting on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> September. Mrs Burrows will be calling all our new starters on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July to confirm all of your child's starting arrangements with you.

As you are aware the Government has released the latest guidance so that schools can make preparations for the full return of all children in September. In response to this, the JCA team and I have made preparations to welcome all children back safely into the academy.

There are a number of key points in the guidance that I would like to share with you so that you are fully informed of the preparations the academy has taken for full opening in September:

Guidance	Jerry Clay Academy's response
Risk assessments must be completed by the school	Risk assessment completed. We will post this on our Jerry Clay website.
Schools asked to keep pupils in class or year "bubbles" wherever possible.  Keep apart from other groups where possible	Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered. Children to mix (no requirement for social distancing) in their year groups only. We have sectioned off the playground and the academy field for children within each class to play within their designated area with their class only.
Protective measures to be put in place - emphasis on regular cleaning and hygiene	Continued regular cleaning during the school day. All surfaces will be wiped down with antibacterial spray at regular intervals. We have also continued to recruit an additional cleaner to clean all our spaces at lunch time, as well as before the school day starts

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	<p>and at the end of the day.</p> <p>Each of our classes will have their own designated handwashing area for only their class.</p> <p>Our corridor has a one way system in place to ensure there is sufficient spacing for our children.</p> <p>Handwashing will be encouraged at every transition point. Hand sanitiser will be used also in the interim between hand washes.</p> <p>Each class will have their own designated toilets and handwashing areas.</p>
<p>Morning and after school provision to resume</p>	<p>Our wrap-around care will resume in September. To avoid too much mixing between year groups we will have a designated Reception to Year 2 area and a separate Year 3-6 area. The wraparound care team will be diligent with the cleaning of equipment and designating spaces to all of the children with the care.</p> <p><b>All other after school clubs are on hold until further notice.</b></p> <p>The service will operate as usual from 7.30am until 6pm. Please see wraparound letter tomorrow with prices from 1<sup>st</sup> September. <b>We will assume that you require the same booking pattern as pre-lockdown, if this is not the case then please email: <a href="mailto:schoolclub@jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk">schoolclub@jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk</a> as soon as possible so that we can plan staffing levels.</b></p>

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	Balances will remain on Scopay in September and we will communicate more about moving to ParentMail payments in the new academic year.
Avoid large groupings - assemblies/concerts	No large gatherings - suspension of all assemblies. All our assemblies in the first half term will take place via our virtual platform and we will carry out assemblies for the whole school from the classroom. The shared assemblies are an important part of our academy culture.
Seating plans - forward-facing desks  Arrangements for lunchtime	<p>Desks from Y2- Y6 will be front-facing. It is incredibly important that our Reception and Year 1 classrooms incorporate a more active and conducive environment to their learning.</p> <p>Lunch tables in the hall - children to sit on one side only.</p> <p>Staggered lunchtimes with Reception and Year 1 dining in the hall and Year 2-6 dining from their classroom. We will be resuming hot lunches from September with ISS. As extra precautionary measures, we will be getting screening fitted to all our food serving stations and the kitchen team will all be wearing protective visors when serving to your children.</p> <p>The ISS school meal price is increasing to £2.19 in September in line with other schools across the Wakefield district, please advise the school office with 1 week's notice if your child currently has school meals but will be bringing a packed lunch in September.</p>

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	<p>If you have a child getting dropped off at the earlier time and a sibling at a later time, please just drop off your second child straight after the first to avoid waiting on the academy site. For pick up, please pick up your first child and then you will be able to pick up your second child straight after this.</p>
<p>Attendance at school is mandatory</p>	<p>All children are required to attend school by law from 3<sup>rd</sup> September.</p>

From September we will aim to offer our full, broad curriculum that we are used to. This is very important for our children’s routines. All children will be expected to wear their JCA uniform and they are allowed to bring a book bag to school. These will be kept in a designated area. PE kits will be left in school each week and sent home at the end of the week to be washed. All children will be issued with their own stationery sets and will only use these for all of their lessons.

A week before returning to school, I will send you all a safety video so that you and your child can be assured watching this, ready for an exciting return back to JCA.

With kind regards,

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