





TGSA Consultation information for Secondary Parents

| Questions I may have | School's current response | |
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| <p>Will the classrooms look different?</p> | <p>Before:</p>  <p>Yes, significant changes have been made to the classrooms. There will be a maximum of 8 children in a secondary classroom. Students will use the same desk and will be the only person to use that desk during the school week. No other student will use the same table or chair. The classroom layout also allows for 2M social distancing. Please see below.</p> |  |



Will the classrooms look different?

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| <p>Will the school site look different?</p> | <p>Yes, there will be a number of changes made to help support social distancing and personal hygiene. Distance line markers (like at the supermarket) will be on view to help children and adults to keep 2M apart. A queueing system will be adopted on the front drive. Parents will be given a drop off and pick up point and time, so we can stagger arrivals and reduce the number of people on site at any one time. Each child will have an entry and exit route. Only a small number of children will enter and leave the site at the same time. Every child will need to use hand sanitisers as they enter the school building. Regular classrooms will have a maximum of 8 desks in them, these will be placed at least 2M apart. Hand sanitising stations will be placed at entry points, in classrooms and around the school site. Children will be directed to use these stations and to wash their hands thoroughly, at frequent intervals throughout the school day. We will be sending photographs and further information once all the changes have been put in place.</p> |
| <p>Will the entrance and exit procedures be different?</p> | <p>Yes, the car park will be closed to parents. We encourage all students to follow government advice and either walk or cycle to school. In order to minimise the amount of people children come into contact with, parents will not be allowed on to the academy site. Students will be given a specific arrival and departure time slot. Students will arrive via the main drive way (in front of reception – please note reception will not be open). Students will be asked to join the 2 metre queue system along the central handrail. Members of staff will co-ordinate the safe, staggered entry of students via the side gate. Students will then wash their hands using sanitizer upon entry to the academy site. Students will then follow arrows around the outside of the school building to the outdoor assembly point. From here, students will be given further instructions on how they will enter the building, maintain social distancing and personal hygiene.</p> <p>If parents accompany their child to the queuing area where possible please only bring the children that are attending school to the site. Please ensure that you support us by ensuring all children and adults follow the 2M social distancing measures. Parents are then asked to follow the arrow markers and leave the site as swiftly as possible. Please do not stop and congregate with other parents as this breaks government advice about social distancing.</p> |



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| My child will be given a specific arrival and departure time. What happens if we are running late. | It will not be possible to take any late arrivals so please ensure you are on time. Any late children will not be allowed into school for that day. Staff will be waiting on arrival to welcome your child . |
| Will reception be open? How do I contact the academy? | <p>In order to minimise the amount of person to person contact and mixing. Reception will NOT be open. The main office will operate using telephone and email contact.</p> <p>To contact the academy please call 0116 278 0232 or email office@samworth.tgacademy.org.uk</p> <p>Please state your child's name and the member of staff you wish to speak to when communicating.</p> |
| <p>What hygiene procedures will be in place?</p> <p>Does my child need to bring anything extra into school?</p> | <p>Handwashing – Hand washing stations are installed at entry points to the site and in every classroom. Children will wash their hands upon arrival and departure. Hand-washing posters are on display and reminders will be given often.</p> <p>Desks will be cleaned at the end of each session. Students will only use one desk and will not share this desk with any other children. Students will be given a school named pencil case and they will not be allowed to share items. We will provide children with a set of all necessary equipment e.g. pen and pencil as they will not be allowed to bring their equipment in from home. Please do not send into school unnecessary items, bags of all types are not permitted, including book bags. Pupils need only bring a water bottle (no cups will be provided on site).</p> |
| What will my child be learning? | On site provision will focus on enhancing student's ability to work at home and wellbeing. They will receive lessons in English, maths and science as well as specific advice to enhance their home learning for all subjects. Staff will provide feedback on the work they have done at home so far and will give advice instruction on what to do next. We aim to ensure that students receive personalised feedback and advice that helps them minimise the risk of falling behind with their studies at this critical time in their education. We will also ensure that they receive advice on careers, PSHE and wellbeing as part of their curriculum. |



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| What about my child's wellbeing? | The mental health and wellbeing of the children is important and as part of a PSHE curriculum, we will be talking to children about mindfulness every day. Staff will talk to students about wellbeing and coping strategies on a regular basis. |
| What time will my child have to be in and for how long? Will my child come in every day? | The government have stated that no more than a quarter of Year 10 students are allowed on site in a day. We will therefore be opening for each Year 10 student one day per week. Arrival is between 9am and 9:15am. Students will leave the site at 12:30. There will be no lunch time on site. |
| Will there be wraparound care? | Unfortunately no. Children are not able to mix between groups and consequently we are not able to offer before or after school club care for any child. |
| Will my child get a break? | There will be a short break between lessons. Students will not leave their classroom to minimise movement on site. |
| What will be the lunch time provision be like for my child? | In order to minimise movement of students and the possibility of mixing with too many people, there will be no lunch time on site. |
| How many children will be in my child's class? | No more than 8 children in each class. Separate timetable for each group. Groups will not mix. |
| Do the usual behaviour rules apply? | Our Tudor Values are more important in these extra ordinary times. Tolerance – this is a new way of working for us all – there may be some teething issues. Unity – we are in this together and must work together to abide by the social distancing rules. Democracy – we must be patient and raise any concerns in a sensible manner and using the correct lines of communication. Opportunity – we must make the most of all the on line learning available to us. Teachers are working hard to make this provision good. If you are allowed to come to school, please do. Respect – EVERYONE MUST RESPECT THE RULES. Expectations of behaviour will be even more important so not to put anyone at risk. Any incident in which behaviour falls below expectations will be treated very seriously. This is the first step towards trying to bring a sense of normality back for pupils. We believe wearing uniform is an important part of school feeling normal. We are aware that some children will have grown and that uniform shops are not open. |



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| Would my child have to wear uniform? | Pupils will be asked to wear their white shirt, grey trousers/skirt or summer dress (No blazers or tie). Fresh uniform must be worn each day and washed daily. As ever, we are here to help and support, please discuss this with us if you have any queries. |
| What happens if my child is injured on site? | The named first aider will attend to your child and you will be contacted. The staff member will wear PPE, gloves, apron or facemasks to protect your child and themselves. |
| Will my child be seeing their regular teacher? | This will be dependent on the capacity of staff and the space we are using. The teacher of each group of students will be fully aware of what work they have done and what they need to do moving forwards. |
| I am a key worker and have a child in Year 10 and Year 3, can the Year 3 still come to school? | Provision for key workers and vulnerable children will remain in place for all children. Eligible key worker and vulnerable children will work with their year group where possible. If your child is not in the specified year groups, or there is no group on site for that year, they will be taught as a mixed aged group of no more than eight children. |
| My child has SEN, will they get extra support? | Class sizes will be reduced, with no more than 8 in each, which will support pupils with SEN. We will not be able to provide one to one support due to the capacity of staffing such small classes. |
| Will my child have to wear a face mask? | At the moment, the government guidance is that this is not recommended. Changing habits, cleaning and hygiene are effective measures in controlling the spread of the virus. |
| My child is clinically vulnerable, should they come back to school? | We would not expect clinically vulnerable children to attend school. We have a comprehensive online learning package to support them with learning and staff will be in regular contact for you to discuss any concerns. Please contact school if this has not happened. |
| A member of my household is clinically vulnerable, should my child come to school? | This is a decision for the family. We would not expect children of family members living in the same household who are clinically vulnerable to attend school. We have a comprehensive online learning package to support them with learning and staff will be in regular contact for you to discuss any concerns. Please contact school if this has not happened. |
| Will I be fined for not bring my child to school? | We understand people are anxious at this difficult time. We are here to support you. The Government guidance states; <i>Parents will not be 'penalised if their child does not attend school'</i> . We would ask you to contact us to discuss your concerns and inform us of any decisions. We would review this with you on a regular basis. |



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| What will happen if I change my mind and decide that I would now like to send my child to school once it has opened? | We will review attendance every three weeks to enable us to consider staffing and pupil ratios. If you change your mind and would like your child to attend school, you must inform Mr Wilkinson who will inform you of the next review point and of any subsequent change in arrangements. |
| What happens if you have a case of Covid-19 | Parents would be contacted to collect their child. School will be closed for a period of time to allow for a deep clean. You will be contacted once school reopens. |