



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Academies Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Update on SENDAT schools for September 2020

I'm writing to all parents and carers across our schools to let you know that we continue to work hard to open as fully as possible and as quickly as possible in September. We think it's likely that guidance we are working to at the moment may change again by September and I will write to you again at the end of August, early September with the latest information.

Our detailed Risk Assessment is available at <https://sendat.academy/covid-19/> this will be updated over the summer as we receive new guidance.

The key points are:

- We are following the Government guidance to be "Covid Secure" , using the principles of "systems of control".
- We will take a few days at the start of term to transition students back to school
- We are hoping to deliver a full curriculum, but movement around the site will be restricted to support distancing and hygiene measures. not move around the site so much.
- Currently we are planning that staff will have the choice to wear a face covering
- There will be increased handwashing and use of antibacterial gel
- There will be no residential trips and day trips will be separately risk assessed.
- There will be no face-to-face meetings with parents/carers. This will continue on the phone or using Microsoft Teams.
- Enhanced cleaning routines will continue to be our usual practice to help ensure we can be COVID-secure

The Head of School / Headteacher from your school will also be writing to you to explain more of the detail for your school.

Please be assured that we will be working through the summer to keep our risk assessment up to date as new guidance comes out.

If you are eligible for free school meals we have processed the vouchers and these will arrive for you in two instalments over the Summer.

We have two staff training days on the 1st and 2nd September, with schools open to students from Thursday 3rd September. PLEASE NOTE start dates will vary a bit over the first few days as we take time to get everyone in. We all hope that you have some sort of a summer break and the whole SENDAT team look forward to working with you and your child in September.

Yours faithfully,

CEO SENDAT

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