



Co-op Academy  
Manchester

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After our first month back at the academy, I want to say what a great start to the year all students have made. I am impressed with how well Year 7 have settled in, and I am proud of the way our older students have adapted to our new COVID-safe ways of working. I myself have found teaching two hour lessons to be very different to one hour sessions that were normal last year. Our students are focussed and working hard. Student behaviour is excellent across the academy, and their punctuality has been a strength in recent weeks.

Below are a few updates for this week. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support.

Mrs McMorrow,  
Headteacher

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## The end of the day

Please help us to encourage students to leave the site immediately at the end of the day. It is especially important for students to avoid waiting near exits used by different Year Group bubbles.

If you are picking up your child(ren) at the end of the day, can I mention that the academy has become a big school on a small and busy road. For the safety of all our students, can you please consider:

- asking your children to walk or cycle
  - parking further away from the academy to prevent congestion
  - allowing traffic to keep moving outside the school by using the designated pick-up points on our car parks (<https://manchester.coopacademies.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2020/08/CO-OP-ACADEMY-MANCHESTER-BUSES-SEP-2020.pdf>) (but note that these get very busy)
  - avoid parking on Plant Hill Road near the school for the safety of students and out of respect for local residents
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## Face masks

Thank you for supporting this. The number of face masks we are giving out each day is decreasing. Please continue to help us ensure that your child brings their own face mask to school. Whilst we understand that

they are sometimes lost or broken, we will sanction students who do not bring a mask on three occasions.

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## COVID cases

We will continue to inform parents and carers when anyone in our academy community tests positive for COVID-19. We have asked a number of students to self-isolate for 14 days from the last contact and have asked them to complete work on Google Classroom. The help guides we have provided for ILTs are also useful for those in self-isolation, and can be viewed at [vle.cam.coop](https://vle.cam.coop) (<https://vle.cam.coop/>).

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## ILTs - top tips

Students are welcome to complete their Independent Learning Tasks on paper and take a photo - this photo can then be 'turned in' on Google Classroom. Our Library can help students with this.

There is an overview of ILTs at <https://vle.cam.coop/ilts-at-a-glance> (<https://vle.cam.coop/ilts-at-a-glance>) for parents and carers.

We also plan to activate our personalised 'Google Classroom Guardian Email Summaries' in the next few days.

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## Wellbeing and Community Morning

To end this week's update, we want to say how proud we are of all students during the first 'Wellbeing and Community Morning' of the year, which took place on Wednesday during first period. Normal lessons were suspended so that students could look more in-depth at the kinds of themes they discuss in morning tutor time. All students were discussing topics under the umbrella of physical and emotional safety - bullying and peer pressure, self-esteem and exam stress were some of the topics covered.

We shared a few pictures on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CoopManchester/>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/CoopManchester>) - please do follow us on social media where we regularly celebrate our students' achievements.

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