

24th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to keep you informed of recent developments and acknowledgements of our protocols and site-based provision, as we continue to move through the current educational climate.

Ventilation in the Academy building:

The government has recently commented further on the importance of ensuring good ventilation in workplaces and schools as part of Covid-19 risk mitigations. Therefore, we thought it might be helpful to recommunicate what we are doing in the Academy.

In all rooms and spaces that have natural ventilation because the windows can be opened, we are keeping the required air flow from vents to be set to open all day, as well as fully opening the windows three times throughout the school day – in the morning, at lunchtime and towards the end of the day.

In all rooms and spaces without windows and which are mechanically ventilated, our air handling systems have been set to provide a full fresh air supply. We have switched off the option to 're-circulate' air within the building.

As you may appreciate, there is a balance to be made between a number of air changes in each space and trying to maintain an ambient temperature. Overall, it is true to say we are prioritising fresh air over comfort, but we'd like to reassure you it is acceptable for students to wear an additional garment or coat if rooms are sometimes below the usual temperature.

Please find below a list of acceptable clothing to support with this balance:

<u>TEMPORARY UNIFORM ALTERATIONS DURING WINTER MONTHS</u> And in support of Covid-19 ventilation requirements Terms 2 & 3, 2020-21	
Acceptable additional clothing during winter ventilation	Unacceptable clothing
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Additional undergarments that allow sufficient movement for day-to-day learning✓ Plain and non-offensive logoed jumper or hooded garment underneath blazers✓ Outdoor coats	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ Trainers✗ Jeans or jogging bottoms✗ Lycra or elastic based trousers / leggings
Please note, that clothing does need to be appropriate and non-offensive – <u>plain black wherever possible</u> . It also needs to allow participation in learning (i.e. writing and comfortable movement).	Please note, we will continue with our expectations and will contact you with any concerns.

In addition, see the list below for acceptable sports clothing for Active lessons:

SPORTS CLOTHING	
Acceptable sports clothing	Unacceptable sports clothing
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Black and green games shirt or plain black t-shirt✓ Black and green hooded top or plain black jumper/hooded top✓ Plain black tracksuit bottoms✓ Black and green shorts or plain black shorts✓ Black and green skort (girls)✓ Black games socks✓ Leggings can be worn underneath shorts✓ Trainers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ Clothing with logos✗ Clothing with stripes

Please be mindful that some Active lessons take place outside and therefore as we enter colder winter months it is advisable to have both tracksuit bottoms and a hooded top/jumper. If you would like to purchase new uniform please see the following link: <https://www.chromasport.co.uk/shop/corby-business-academy>

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely



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