



Family Handbook

2022 - 2023

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Headteacher's Introduction

Dear parents/carers,

We believe that a strong partnership between parents/carers and the staff at the school is essential, as it will enable your child to grow and develop into a well educated and outstanding citizen. The information provided in this family handbook is to enable us to work together to support your child during their journey at Arena Academy. It will inform you as to what our standards and expectations are; what help and support is available to your child; what your child is studying; and how you can support them with their studies.

Most of the information has been provided to you previously but has now been updated to reflect any changes we have made over the last year. A copy of this document can be found on our website here: [Parents and Carers - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://www.corearena.academy/), I will notify you if any further updates are made to it.

Please check our school website regularly which will include all the information you may need. <https://www.corearena.academy/>

I hope that this family handbook provides you with the information you need to support to support your child, but if there is any further information you require, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely,



Mr R Mann
Headteacher

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Timings of the school day

All students will attend school by 08:35 each day and enter by Arena Central doors. Due to the number of students we have in school, we have split the times of breaks and lunches. Break will be 25 minutes and lunch 45 minutes. Food will be available during both break and lunch. Students will have 5 x 1 hour lessons each day.

	Arrival Time	Form Time	Period 1	Period 2/Break		Period 3	Period 4/Lunch		Period 5
Year 7	Student Entrance 8.25-8.35	Form Room 8.35-9.00	Period 1 9.00 - 10.00	Break 1 10.00 - 10.25	Period 2 10.25 - 11.25	Period 3 11.25 - 12.25	Lunch 1 12.25 - 13.10	Period 4 13.10 - 14.10	Period 5 14.10 - 15.10
Year 8			Period 1 9.00 - 10.00	Break 1 10.00 - 10.25	Period 2 10.25 - 11.25	Period 3 11.25 - 12.25	Lunch 1 12.25 - 13.10	Period 4 13.10 - 14.10	Period 5 14.10 - 15.10
Year 9			Period 1 9.00 - 10.00	Period 2 10.00 - 11.00	Break 2 11.00 - 11.25	Period 3 11.25 - 12.25	Period 4 12.25 - 13.25	Lunch 2 13.25 - 14.10	Period 5 14.10 - 15.10
Year 10			Period 1 9.00 - 10.00	Period 2 10.00 - 11.00	Break 2 11.00 - 11.25	Period 3 11.25 - 12.25	Period 4 12.25 - 13.25	Lunch 2 13.25 - 14.10	Period 5 14.10 - 15.10
Year 11			Period 1 9.00 - 10.00	Break 1 10.00 - 10.25	Period 2 10.25 - 11.25	Period 3 11.25 - 12.25	Lunch 1 12.25 - 13.10	Period 4 13.10 - 14.10	Period 5 14.10 - 15.10

Guided Reading Time

For the first 10 minutes of period 5 students are required to engage in Guided Reading Time (GRT). GRT involves the class teacher reading a pre-arranged age-appropriate text/article that is relevant to the topic or lesson that is being delivered.

School Breakfast

School breakfast is available in school from 08:25 – 08:35 in the canteen. Students may purchase toast, yoghurts, fruit and flavoured water; free squash is available for those who would like a drink there and then. Pupil Premium students have breakfast subsidised and may have breakfast for free. For more information about the food we offer, please click here: <https://www.corearena.academy/school-life/lunch-menus/>.

Line ups

To enable students to enter school following lunch time and arrive to lessons with the attitude to start learning, students will line up on the playground at the end of lunch time. Staff will direct students into school through different doors depending on the area of school they have their lesson in.

Form Time

Form time is from 8:35 to 9:00am. Every year group has an assembly once a week in the hall. During Form time students take part in a variety of activities as detailed below. In addition, each student will have an individual academic mentoring meeting term. During this meeting, students will discuss their academic progress and any support they require in order to achieve their potential.

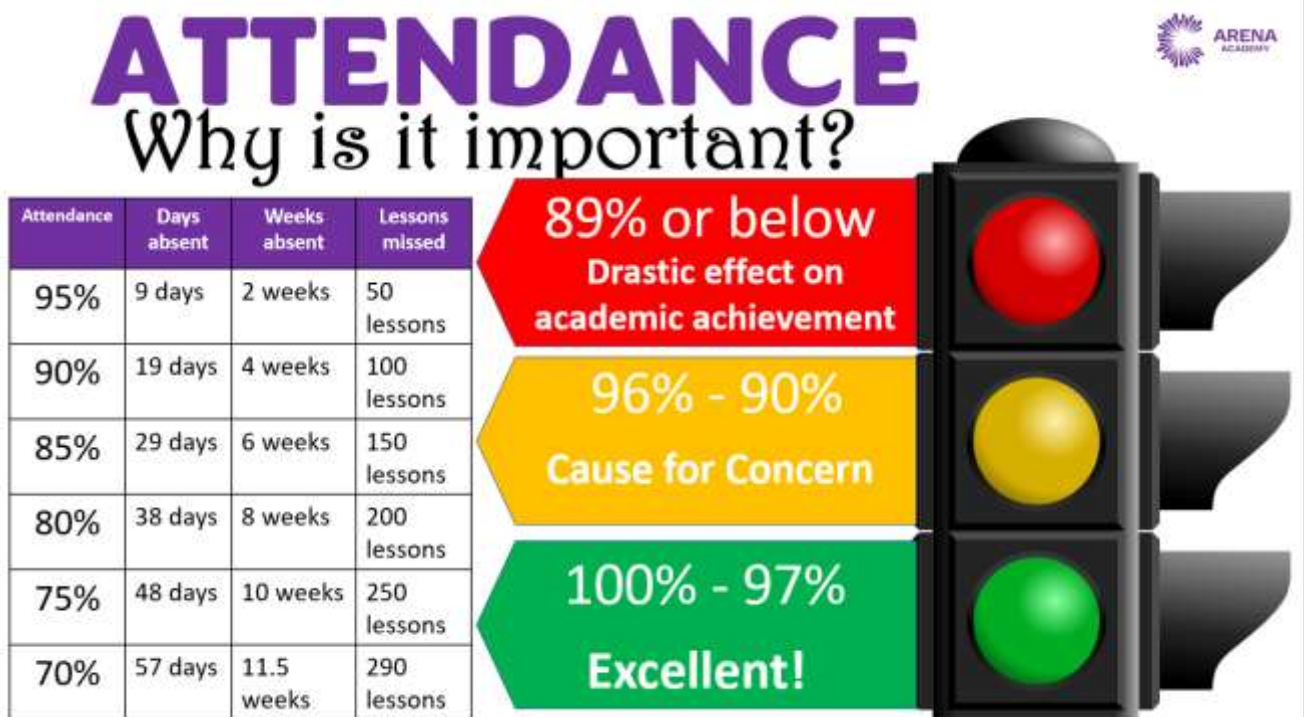
Year Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	Reading	Assembly and Academic Mentoring	Reading	Cultural Capital / SMSC / Careers	Conduct Cup Review and Praise Day
Year 8	Conduct Cup Review and Praise Day	Cultural Capital / SMSC / Careers	Assembly and Academic Mentoring	Reading	Reading
Year 9	Reading	Cultural Capital / SMSC / Careers	Reading	Assembly and Academic Mentoring	Conduct Cup Review and Praise Day
Year 10	Conduct Cup Review and Praise Day	Reading	Cultural Capital / SMSC / Careers	Reading	Assembly and Academic Mentoring
Year 11	Assembly and Academic Mentoring	PSHE	Reading	Cultural Capital / SMSC / Careers	Conduct Cup Review and Praise Day

Attendance to school

School attendance is mandatory. As a parent or carer you have a responsibility to:

- Parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school, and they are of compulsory school age;
- Schools' will be recording attendances as legally required and following attendance procedures outlined by Birmingham Local Authority.
- Please use this link to access Birmingham Local Authority Guidance for parents in terms of school attendance:
https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20014/schools_and_learning/1502/school_attendance_advice_for_parents
- The availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.

If your child is unwell, or for any other reason is unable to attend school, please contact Mrs K Bhamra, Attendance Officer, by emailing KBhamra@corearena.academy or by phoning the school on 0121 729 7310.



Students who are late to school

If students arrive after 8.35am, they are late and they should sign in at the Main Reception. Students must sign in at reception using the Inentry system indicating the reason why they are late. Parents / carers will be contacted to ascertain the reason (see Attendance and Punctuality page). If there is a reason for your child to be late to school, please inform us. Students who are late to school will receive a 30-minute reflection at the end of the school day or at lunch time, you will be notified of this reflection. If a student is late 5 times in a term, their reflections will increase to

60 minutes and parents/carers will be contacted by a member of the pastoral team. If a student is late 10 times in a term, their reflections will increase to 1 hour 30 minutes and parents/carers will be invited in for a meeting with the pastoral team. If a student is late 15 times in a term, their reflections will increase to 2 hours and parents/carers will be invited in for a meeting by Miss Guest.

If your child arrives to school after 8:35am, they must go to reception where they will be met by a senior member of staff.

Leaving School at the end of the day

Students will usually be dismissed at 3:10pm unless involved in extra-curricular activities or after school reflections.

When leaving school students should:

- Respect the local community and give a positive impression of themselves and Arena Academy by acting safely and respectfully to all.
- Travel home as quickly as possible and not loiter (especially around the shops in the local area)
- Be safe when crossing roads and use the 'Green Cross Code'.

Taking Holidays during term time

It is the expectation that all children are required to be available for school at the start of the Autumn term. Taking holidays during term time is not permitted and should you intend to do so you must make contact with the attendance officer.

School uniform

Individual uniform requirements are detailed on our school website here [Uniform & Equipment - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](http://corearena.academy) Support for families in regard to uniform are considered on an individual basis, please contact Katie Guest, Assistant Headteacher by emailing kquest@corearena.academy.

Students will attend school in full uniform every day and bring PE kit on the day that they do PE, timetables will be issued to students on their first day in September,

UNIFORM

- Plain navy blue blazer with an embroidered school badge.
- Light blue shirt/blouse.
- Arena Academy Tie.
- Grey V-neck jumper (optional)
- Grey school trousers or skirt with black tights.
- Black school shoes with plain black socks



- Boys and Girls trousers/shorts.
- Dark Blue PE Socks with suitable PE Trainers.
- Boys top and /or jacket.
- Girls top and/or jacket.
- Socks

Our School Uniform

Headscarf (optional)

- Plain navy blue or black

Blazer

- Navy blue jacket with school logo
- Must be worn when walking around the building (can be taken off in classrooms with staff permission)

Jumper (optional)

- Plain grey V-necked jumper (no logo)

Skirt/Trousers

- Plain grey skirt or trousers (not too tight)
- Skirt must be at least knee length
- Skirt must be appropriate fit and not be jersey material

Shoes

- Smart plain black shoes
- No trainer style shoes



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No hooded tops

No coats/jackets, hats, scarves or gloves on inside of the building

Shirt must be tucked in at all times

Shirt & Tie

- Light blue shirt with top button done up at all times
- Tie must be waist length

Trousers

- Plain grey trousers
- No skinny fit trousers or jeans

Accessories & Jewellery

- 2 pairs of studs, sleepers or small earrings are allowed
- 1 simple small ring is allowed
- 1 discreet nose stud is allowed
- No heavy makeup (must be discreet)
- Nails allowed to be painted one colour (nail extensions are not allowed)

Uniform infringements

To ensure students are ready for school, and respectful of the uniform expectations in school, they must ensure that:

- Shirts are tucked in neatly.
- Ties worn at a reasonable length to show eight stripes below the knot
- Smart shoes should be worn – no trainers, pumps or boots
- Skirts and trousers must be an appropriate length, colour and fit – not jersey material- Jumpers worn underneath blazers are either the school jumpers or a plain grey V neck jumper.
- Students must wear their blazers when on the school site. In classrooms, if students want to remove their blazers, they may do so at the teacher's discretion.
- Students should not be wearing a hooded top. Instead they should wear a coat if applicable.
- All coats, trainers, hats, and scarves must be removed when entering the school building.

If students attend school with incorrect uniform, a phone call home will be made by the Year Group Coordinator to try and resolve the issue the same day, where this is not possible students will have to correct the issue by the following day, parents will be informed by a note in the planner as well as a phone call home.

Year 6 to 7 Transition

The transition from primary to secondary school is an exciting time, full of challenges and experiences for both parent and child. We work very hard to ensure maximum success for all our pupils so they are ready for the challenges of high school, enjoying new friendships and the new opportunities high school brings. To help all pupils prepare for this change and to make the move to Year 7 successful, we have held Induction days and a Summer School. For further information on Year 6 to Year 7 transition please visit our microsite which contains all essential transition information. [Admissions - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://www.corearena.academy/admissions)

Here are some top tips for pupils joining us in Year 7

- Buy an alarm clock or set an alarm on your phone. School starts at 8:35am and the main doors open at 8:25am.
- Always eat some breakfast, even if you feel nervous.
- Work out your route to school, whether you're walking or taking public transport. Practise until you're confident and time yourself. Also, make sure you have an alternative route in case of problems with transport or people you want to avoid. If it helps, draw a map.
- Buy a very big, very strong bag. You will have loads to carry. And that's not counting the days when you'll have your PE kit.
- If you can, find a friend to walk with on your first day. Things won't seem so daunting if you can travel with someone.
- Be prepared to just 'hang out' at playtime.
- Don't call it 'playtime' – it's 'break' now.
- Work out how you'll be paying for your lunch – we have a fingerprint system, make sure you're topped up for your first day.
- Find out where the toilets are.
- Make sure you turn your mobile phone off and put it in your bag during school time.
- When you are given your timetable, make at least three copies: one for your bag, one for your pocket and a spare for home.
- Be organised. When you are given your student planner, use it to write down your homework – when there is so much going on, it's easy to forget.
- Go through your timetable and pack your bag the night before – there's never time in the morning to find your maths book.
- Never be afraid to ask for help if you're not sure where to go.
- At lesson changeover, stick with someone who knows where they're going. And don't try to go against the flow of traffic.
- Relax and try to enjoy it – in no time at all, it'll seem like you've been there forever. This time next year, you'll be showing the new intake around the school.

Student Planners

Every student at Arena Academy is issued with a Student Planner on their first day in the Autumn Term. The planner is central to their learning and organisation at Arena Academy. You can support your child best by asking for their planner every day and signing it each week. This will enable you to:

- See your child's conduct in every lesson
- Communicate with your child's Form Tutor by writing notes
- Explain any absences
- See what your child has logged in terms of homework that needs to be completed
- Review how many conduct (both positive and negative) points they have received as well as their running attendance figure.

Key Information about your child's planner:

1. It is important to make it part of your daily routine to check your child's planner and hold conversations with them about lesson content, conduct, rewards achieved and home learning opportunities.
2. It is also vital to ensure you sign your child's planner weekly.
3. If students cannot present their planner to their tutor in Form Time, they will receive an automatic 30-minute reflection and a daily planner will be issued.
4. Replacement planners can be purchased on Parent Pay (see Parent Pay). If you have any concerns in terms of your child(ren)'s planner please contact Miss K Guest – Assistant Headteacher kguest@corearena.academy

Term Dates 2022 – 2023

Autumn 1 Monday 5 th September 2022 to Friday 21 st October 2022 Training days: Monday 5 th September 2022 Monday 26 th September 2022 Half term break: Monday 24 th October 2022 to Friday 28 th October 2022
Autumn 2 Monday 31 st October 2022 to Friday 16 th December 2022 Winter break: Monday 19 th December 2022 to Friday 30 th December 2022
Spring 1 Tuesday 3 rd January 2023 to Friday 17 th February 2023 Training Day: Tuesday 3 rd January 2023 Half term break: Monday 20 th February 2023 to Friday 24 th February 2023
Spring 2 Monday 27 th February 2023 to Friday 31 st March 2023 Spring Break: Monday 3 rd April 2023 to Friday 14 th April 2023
Summer 1 Monday 17 th April 2023 to Friday 26 th May 2023 Bank Holiday: Monday 1 st May 2023 Training Day: Monday 17 th April 2023 Half term break: Monday 29 th May 2023 to Friday 02 June 2023
Summer 2 Monday 5 th June 2023 to Tuesday 25 th July 2023 Training Days: Monday 24 th July 2023 Tuesday 25 th July 2023 Summer break: Wednesday 26 th July 2023 to Friday 1 st September 2023

Contact information

Heads of Year and Year Group Coordinators		
Year 7	Head of Year 7: Ms Noone Year 7 Group Coordinator: Ms Smith	Hlves@corearena.academy FSmith@corearena.academy
Year 8	Head of Year 8: Mr Stephens Year 8 Group Coordinator: Ms Palmer	AStephens@corearena.academy TPalmer@corearena.academy
Year 9	Head of Year 9: Mr Taylor Year 9 Group Coordinator: Mr Hutchinson	ATaylor@corearena.academy JHutchinson@corearena.academy
Year 10	Head of Year 10: Ms Van Deventer Year 10 Group Coordinator: Ms Campbell-Williams	Lvandeventer@corearena.academy DCampbell-Williams@corearena.academy
Year 11	Head of Year 11: Mr Lowe Year 11 Group Coordinator: Mr Tennant	MLowe@corearena.academy CTennant@corearena.academy

Heads of Department/subject areas		
English	Ms C Hassell	CHassell@corearena.academy
Maths	Ms P Gogna	PGogna@corearena.academy
Science	Mr Levy	CLevy@corearena.academy
Head of MFL	Ms H Brighton	HBrighton@corearena.academy
Head of History	Mr Hart	DHart@corearena.academy
Head of Geography	Ms Laurent	JLaurent@corearena.academy
Head of RE	Ms S Nahar	SNahar@corearena.academy
Head of PE	Ms S Allen	SAllen@corearena.academy
Head of Vocational & Social Sciences	Ms Joyce	KJoyce@corearena.academy
Head of Computing & Business	Mrs Sandhu	DSandhu@corearena.academy
Head of Visual Art & Design	Mrs Dhillon	JDhillon@corearena.academy

Other Useful Contacts		
Attendance	Mrs Bhamra	KBhamra@corearena.academy
Safeguarding	Mrs Kilroy or Mr Newman	CKilroy@corearena.academy

		MNewman@corearena.academy
Parents Evenings	Mrs Wain	SWain@corearena.academy
Reading	Ms C Hassell	CHassell@corearena.academy

Form Tutors 2022 - 2023

HEAD OF YEAR 7	Mrs Noone				
Year Co-ordinator	Ms Smith	Additional staff		CLY	
SLT Link	Mrs Curtis	Form		Band	Room
Form Tutors	Miss Allen (except Friday)	7SLN		Y	33
	Mr Ali	7SAL		Y	141
	Mrs Coates	7CC		Y	25
	Mrs Hussein	7SHU		Y	142
	Mr Joyce	7BJO		Z	35
	Mrs Dowe	7SDW		Z	12
	Mrs Khatun (except Tuesday) and Mr Levy	7MKH		Z	26
	Miss Chowdhury	7WCH		Z	34

HEAD OF YEAR 8	Mr Stephens				
Year Co-ordinator	Miss Palmer	Additional staff		PGO	
SLT Link	Mr Newman	Form		Band	Room
Form Tutors	Mrs Rowles	8KRW		Y	15
	Mr Carvahlo (except Monday and Friday) and Mrs Gogna	8RCA	(HMY)	Y	29
	Mr Singh	8RSI		Y	HUB1
	Mrs Sandhu	8DSA		Y	1
	Miss Laurent	8JLA		Z	9
	Mr Hart	8DH	(MHA)	Z	7
	Mrs Bangar (except Thursday and Friday) and Mr Uddin	8RBA	(MAM)	Z	23

HEAD OF YEAR 9	Mr Taylor				
Year Co-ordinator	Mr Hutchinson	Additional staff		LSE, CHS	
SLT Link	Mrs Kilroy	Form		Band	Room
Form Tutors	Mrs Brighton	9HBR		Y	FR1
	Miss Titus-Glover	9FTI		Y	FR2
	Mr Hussain	9UHU	(MLO)	Y	2
	Mr Zahoor	9MZA	(MIS)	Y	139
	Ms Oharia (except Monday and Tuesday) and Miss Secker	9TOH	(CLY)	Z	143
	Miss Yesmin	9NYE		Z	13
	Mr Zs	9DZS		Z	24
	Miss Freeman (except Friday) and Miss Hassell	9LFR		Z	17

HEAD OF YEAR 10	Miss van Deventer				
Year Co-ordinator	Miss Campbell-Williams	Additional staff			
SLT Link	Miss Guest	Form		Band	Room
Form Tutors	Miss Nahar	10SNA	(WCH)	Y	5
	Miss Cusack	10HCU		Y	11
	Miss Begum	10FBE		Y	6
	Mr Skidmore	10GSK		Y	10
	Miss Christian-Doherty	10TCH	(RCA)	Z	8
	Mr Amos	10LAM		Z	16
	Miss Ellis	10FEI		Z	14
	Mrs Blackwood	10KBL	(HNE)	Z	30

HEAD OF YEAR 11	Mr Lowe				
Year Co-ordinator	Mr Tennant	Additional staff		SDA	
SLT Links	Mrs Wain	Form		Band	Room
Form Tutors	Mr Singh	11HKA		Y	140
	Mrs Joyce	11KJO	(PCA)	Y	32
	Mrs Dhillon	11JDH		Y	27
	Mrs Rahl	11SRA	(CHS)	Z	28
	Miss Fenton	11SFE		Z	31
	Mr Rahman (except Friday) and Ms Darr	11ARA		Z	138

Please note: there will be planned sessions for all year groups throughout the year for Careers and influential figures from around the world.

Student Council and Student Leadership

The student council meets once every half-term to discuss ongoing issues and forthcoming events. Each form is represented by two members. Following year group council meetings, the whole school council meets to decide the plan of action moving forwards. Students are encouraged to raise any idea or concern through their form group representatives.

There are numerous leadership opportunities for students to apply for throughout the year such as subject ambassadors, anti-bullying committee and UNICEF ambassadors. Students should speak to their Head of Year and Head of Subjects to see what further opportunities are available.

School Library

During this year we have been improving our library and with the addition of a new computer area we will be able to offer a new Learning Resources Centre. This will enable students to access a quiet area to read and borrow books, and work at a computer to complete work. Around the school we have established additional quiet reading areas where students may wish to sit and read at break or lunchtimes. We will have a new librarian in place who will see to the borrowing and returning of books.



School Indoor gym

We are very keen to ensure all students live a healthy and active lifestyle. In addition to the many sporting activities we offer, there is also the use of a new gym available to use after school for students. More information about using the gym will be made available to students in September.



School Outdoor Gym

We are in the process of installing a new outdoor gym in the playground. Students can use the outdoor gym at break and lunch times.

Catering

Our Catering supplier is Mellors. Mellors are an award-winning family business that was established in 1840 as a local bakery, and is now the first choice caterer for schools and colleges.

To add funds to our ParentPay system, please click this link:

<https://www.parentpay.com/public/client/security/>

In addition to the menus below sandwiches, baguettes, fruit, cookies, cakes and drinks will all be available. Cold food will also be available at break time. We will often survey our students to get their feedback about the food we offer and change/adapt accordingly. Our three-week menu is given below:

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Vegetarian sausage, red onion gravy and champ mash potato	Tasty Mexican chilli, brown rice, sour cream and salsa	Apple glazed roast pork, crispy roast potatoes and gravy	Chicken Singapore noodles	Crispy battered fish with chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Sweet potato and squash stew with pea and mint couscous	Quorn™ and vegetable lasagne with crusty garlic and herb bread	Cheesy potato and leek pie topped with puff pastry served with crispy roast potatoes	Aubergine and chickpea Dhansak, pilau rice and cucumber raita	Falafel in a wholemeal pitta, crunchyslaw and chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Roasted root vegetables Braised red cabbage Salad bar	Crisp mixed salad Corn of the cob Salad bar	Steamed carrots and broccoli Salad bar	Green beans Roasted butternut squash Salad bar	Garden peas Crisp mixed salad Salad bar
STREET FOOD	Sweet potato and vegetable masala, Bombay potatoes and coriander and green chilli chutney	Turkey meatball sub	Moo ping - Thai grilled pork skewers with coconut rice	Slow roasted pulled pork, red slaw, gherkins and home pickled red onions	Red Thai coconut curry with steamed rice
ITALIAN DAILY SPECIAL	Roasted vegetable pizza	Italian meatballs in tomato sauce with wholemeal pasta	Chicken and bacon pasta	BBQ Chicken pizza	Vegetarian pasta bolognese
DESSERT	Peach and raspberry fruit cobbler with custard	Apple cracknel	Eton mess	Mixed berry strudel with custard	Goopy chocolate brownie

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Creamy salmon pasta with garlic bread	Chicken bryani, homemade naan bread and chilli and coriander chutney	Roast chicken, sage and onion stuffing and gravy served with creamy mash potato	Italian bolognese pasta bake	Crispy battered fish goujons with chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Vegetarian sausage and bean gratin with garlic and herb potatoes	Firi piri Quorn™ fillet with lemon cocouna homemade tomato salsa	Vegetable and bean stew with a cheesy cobbler top and creamy mash potato	Squash and chickpea Balti with pilau rice	Mexican Quorn™ burrito with homemade guscumole and salsa
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Steamed broccoli Carrots Salad bar	Green beans Roasted courgettes Salad bar	Roasted parsnips Sautéed leeks Salad bar	Crisp mixed salad Garden peas Salad bar	Crushed minted peas Corn on the cob Salad bar
STREET FOOD	Penne primavera	Chicken gyros in wholemeal pitta bread, tzatziki and Greek salad	Crispy bacon, lettuce and tomato ciabatta with Cajan wedges	Firi piri pork with apple and fennel slaw on a toasted brioche bun	Fad Kee Mao - spicy Thai chicken and vegetable noodles
ITALIAN DAILY SPECIAL	Vegetarian meatball pasta	Beef and onion pizza	Spicy sausage pasta	Classic Margherita pizza	Italian chicken pasta
DESSERT	Sticky toffee pudding and custard	Lemon and raspberry trifles	Oaty fruit crunch	Apple and blackberry pie and custard	Chocolate and orange cake

WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Vegetable tikka masala with pilau rice and cucumber raita	Creamy chicken and leek pie with a golden pastry top served with mash potatoes	Roast beef, Yorkshire puddings and gravy with crispy roast potatoes	Traditional beef lasagne with crusty garlic and herb bread	Jumbo fish fingers served with chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Mixed bean and aubergine tagine with couscous	Vegetable moussaka	Vegetarian toad in the hole with gravy and crispy roast potatoes	Spiced vegetable jambalaya	Roasted Mediterranean vegetable calzone
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Roasted Mediterranean vegetables Carrot batons Steamed broccoli Salad bar	Spring greens Carrot batons Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Cauliflower cheese Braised red cabbage Salad bar	Green beans Crisp mixed salad Salad bar	Garden peas Crisp mixed salad Salad bar
STREET FOOD	Aloo tika patties with tomato and onion seed chutney and a paratha	Greek pork souvlaki in a warm pitta with tzatziki and Greek salad	Tandoori chicken burgers with Bombay potatoes and cucumber raita	Korean chicken sandwich with kimchi-style slaw	Chicken shawarma, salad, houmous and Khobez bread
ITALIAN DAILY SPECIAL	Wholemeal pasta with a spicy tomato arrabiata sauce	Ham and mushroom pizza	Roasted vegetable pizza	Italian meatballs in tomato sauce with wholemeal pasta	BBQ chicken pizza
DESSERT	Rhubarb and custard cake	Saucy chocolate and orange pudding and custard	Rice pudding with a fruit compote	Apple and sultana samosa and custard	Chocolate and banana slices

Please note: To encourage a healthy mindset and lifestyle, we do not allow any sugary fizzy drinks at school. We encourage our students to drink water throughout the day. We have water dispensers available throughout the school.

No child will ever be refused food, there will always be food available at lunch, however, whilst Mellor's make every effort to ensure all students have access to the full offer available there are, occasionally, times where this may not be the case e.g., at the very end of service. If your child does not have sufficient credit to purchase food Mellor's will ensure, they are given food, however the Head of Year or Year Group Co-Ordinator may contact you to discuss any arrears accrued.

Support for Students and families

As parents and carers you may need to look for additional support for your children please see below some useful links and numbers you can access.

You can also use the email for the Student Welfare Team – student.welfare@corearena.academy

Parents may wish to seek support for themselves from the following support agencies:

Childline	0800 1111
Pause (Forward Thinking Birmingham)	www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk
Young Minds	https://youngminds.org.uk/
Papyrus (Suicide Prevention Charity)	0800 0684141 https://papyrus-uk.org/
CEOP Internet Safety	https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/
Chathealth – Birmingham and Sandwell All young people in Birmingham and Sandwell aged 11-19 can receive confidential support on physical and emotional wellbeing and hot teenage topics such as bullying and sexual health by sending a brief text message	07480 635485 – Birmingham & Sandwell
Kooth: A free, safe and anonymous online support for young people (11-19 years plus) available at all times at www.kooth.com . It includes accessing online counselling support. Monday-Friday: noon-10pm. Saturday and Sunday: 6pm – 10pm.	www.kooth.com
The BBC also has an excellent resource on protecting your mental health	www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51873799
The Trussell Trust Foodbanks. We have links with these foodbanks and can issue vouchers to families who might need them.	https://www.trusselltrust

Support for Students

Over the past few months, we have been restructuring our Pastoral Team and I am delighted to announce new additions to the team which will enable us to not only continue with the excellent support your child currently receives but to further enhance it. The addition of the Year Coordinators will provide additional welfare and behavioural support for each year group, with the Head of Year and Year Coordinator remaining with their year group throughout their five year journey.

We also have an onsite counsellor 2 days a week, please contact Martin Newman – mnewman@corearena.academy or Claire Kilroy ckilroy@corearena.academy if you would like any further information.

Role	
Deputy Headteacher - Pastoral	Mrs C Kilroy
Assistant Headteacher – Behaviour and Attitudes	Miss K Guest

Assistant Headteacher – Personal Development	Mr M Newman
SENDCo	Mrs K Whitehouse
Trainee SENDCo	Miss T Christian-Doherty
Year 7 Team	Head of Year – Mrs H Noone Year Coordinator – Mrs F Smith
Year 8 Team	Head of Year – Mr A Stephens Year Coordinator – Miss T Palmer
Year 9 Team	Head of Year – Mr A Taylor Year Coordinator – Mr J Hutchinson
Year 10 Team	Head of Year – Miss L van Deventer Year Coordinator – Miss D Campbell-Williams
Year 11 Team	Head of Year – Mr M Lowe Year Coordinator – Mr C Tennent
Attendance Officer	Mrs K Bhamra

SEND

We ensure that all of our students receive an education that is appropriate to their needs, promotes high standards, and the fulfilment of potential. We welcome all students from the local community and want to offer everyone the opportunity to receive an outstanding education.

We are committed to working collaboratively with our school community to ensure that all of our students receive an education that is appropriate to their needs, promotes high standards, and the fulfilment of potential.

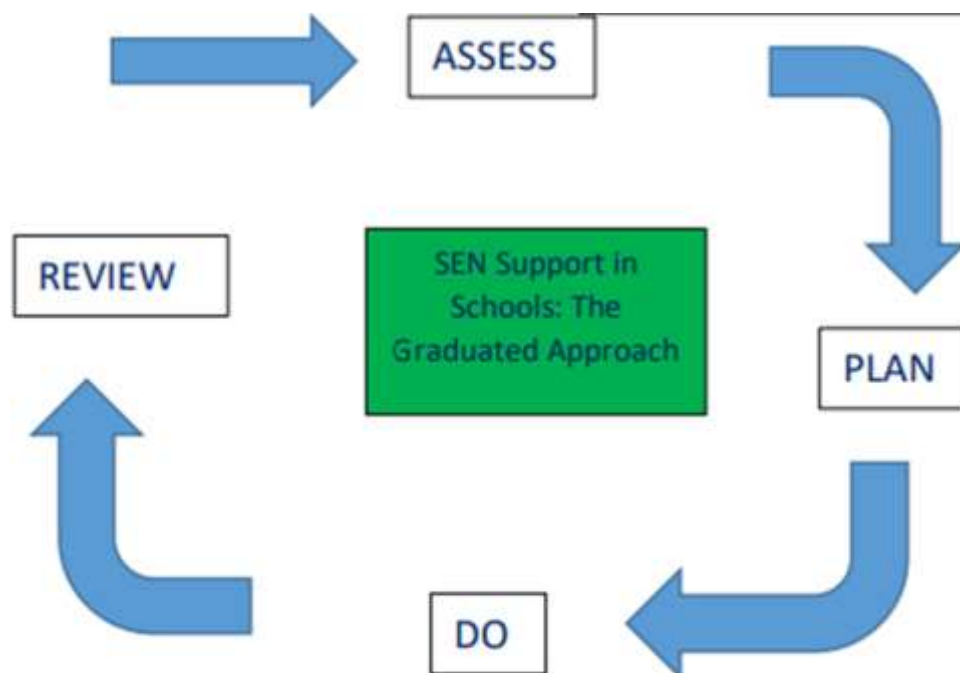
In creating an inclusive learning environment, our aim is that every child will:

- Achieve their best.
- Become confident individuals living fulfilling lives.
- Make a successful transition into adulthood, whether into employment, further or higher education or training.

All of our teachers receive appropriate training related to SEND, and are ready to adapt their lessons to cater for your child's needs. The SENDCo at Arena Academy leads the SEND Team who are based in the SEND Hub. The SEND Team work together with all staff to provide the best possible support for all students.

Further information regarding the ways in which we support our students with Special Educational Needs and/ or Disabilities (SEND), as well as useful information and resources on how to support young people with SEND in school and at home, is available on the SEND section of the school website: <https://www.corearena.academy/our-academy/send/>.

When a student is identified as having SEND, we use the four-stage process to ensure provision is put in place. This is known as the 'Graduated Approach' as outlined in the current Code of Practice.



Type of need and examples
<p><u>Cognition and learning</u></p> <p>This is when a student may have difficulties with literacy or numeracy. They may have a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia or dyscalculia.</p>
<p><u>Communication and Interaction</u></p> <p>This is when a student may have difficulty communicating with others. They may struggle with expressive or receptive language, or may have ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder)</p>
<p><u>Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties</u></p> <p>This includes a range of difficulties, which may be evident by anxious or emotional behaviour.</p>
<p><u>Sensory or Physical Needs</u></p> <p>This may be when a student has a disability which hinders them from accessing the facilities provided. This may include a visual, hearing, or physical impairment.</p>

If you have any feedback, or would like any further support, please do not hesitate to contact SENDCo Mrs K Whitehouse.



Behaviour expectations

In order to support students and staff in school and also to ensure the strict safety guidelines are adhered to, balanced with the need for all students to learn in an environment conducive to learning, we have briefed all staff on the key elements of the behaviour policy and will talk to students in September. Our Behaviour culture is underpinned by our 'code of conduct' following 3 principles of **Ready, Respectful, Safe:**

In every classroom there is a Reset Desk, this is to enable students to reflect on how they are behaving within the lesson, to rectify this following a conversation with the teacher and return to original seat in the lesson. If this is not successful students maybe taken to an external Reset desk in another classroom with the work from the lesson to be completed.

Our Code of Conduct

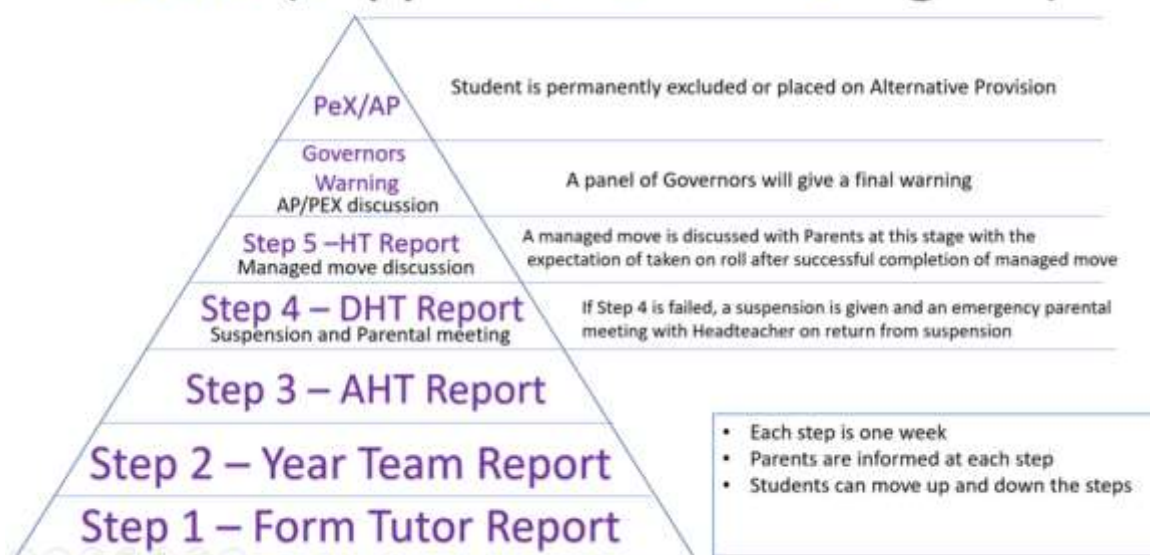
READY	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We always wear correct and smart uniform at all times2. We always have the right equipment for learning3. We always attend school and all lessons on time and follow our lesson routines4. We make the most of all opportunities for learning5. We always give 100% towards academic achievement
RESPECTFUL	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We speak and act respectfully to all, representing our school positively2. We use good manners, listen and speak politely at all times3. We keep the Academy tidy and litter free, only eating/drinking in certain spaces.4. We always follow all instructions 'first time; every time.'5. We show respect for Academy property and others' property in the school community.
SAFE	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We are always in the right place, doing the right thing at the right time2. We always walk quietly, calmly and purposefully3. We respect each other's personal space4. Our mobile phones are not seen or heard on site5. We report any concerns to an adult to resolve them together



Stage	Disruption type	How to deal with it	
1	Any behaviour that slows the pace of the learning without completely ruining the lesson. Off task, distracting others, talking over the teacher, talking across the classroom, leaving seat without permission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Simple direction – explain what they are doing wrong and what you want them to do. - Positive reinforcement – praise pupils who are well-behaved - Nonverbal messages – e.g. fingers to lips; move and stand next to the pupil, be seen looking. - Use Microscript (in private if possible) – e.g. "I've noticed that you are not being...". "I need you to...", "Do you remember when...", "Thank you for listening" 	Verbal Warning
2	Repeated Disruption	Internal Reset Desk - Move the student to the reset desk to give them an opportunity to reflect on their behaviour and correct it. Inform the student, that they could be given a 30 minute reflection if disruption continues. (Key Tip: Share desire to have the student moved back to their seat and off the reset desk.)	Internal Reset Desk
3	Behaviour affecting learning significantly	30 minute reflection – Issue the student with a 30-minute reflection and record this on SIMS clearly explaining the reason why. Restorative – meet with the pupil during the reflection for a restorative conversation.	30 minute reflection
4	Behaviour continuing to affect learning significantly	60 minute reflection – Issue the student with a 60-minute reflection and record this on SIMS clearly explaining the reason why. Restorative – meet with the pupil during the reflection for a restorative conversation.	60 minute reflection
4	Serious disruption making it impossible for learning to take place	External Reset Desk - Press the oncall button for the student to be removed from the lesson and placed in another classroom on the reset desk. (the student must take work with them and be escorted by the Year Coordinator). 1 hour 30 minute reflection - Issue the student with a 1 hour 30 minute reflection and record this on SIMS clearly explaining the reason why. Restorative – meet with the student during the reflection for a restorative conversation or activity. (Key Tip: Share desire to have the student back in lesson)	External Reset Desk & 1 hour reflection
5	Continued disruptive behaviour on external reset desk	Press the on call button for the student to be removed from the lesson by the Year Group Coordinator. This can only be used when all the strategies above have been exhausted. On call can be used, at any stage, when the safety of pupils is compromised. - Year Coordinator to issue 2 hour reflection and record on SIMS clearly explaining the reason why.	Removal to RRS and 2 hour reflection

In order to support students in adhering to the code of conduct, the STEP process allows for students to see the level of intervention they are on as well as the next steps up and the steps below. This is very clear for all students and allows for school and families to work together to support your children in school to make the right choices.

STEP (Support To Ensure Progress)



Reflections

- Reflections (detentions) are issued to students to allow them to reflect on their behaviour or conduct. Staff members who have issued the reflection or a

member of the pastoral team will take the time to have a restorative conversation or complete a restorative activity with the student.

- 30 or 60 minute reflections issued before 2pm will be sat on the same day. Parents/carers will be informed via text message.
- Reflections issued after 2pm will be for the next school day, text messages will be sent to parents/carers on the day that the reflection will be sat.
- 1 hour 30 minute and 2 hour reflections take place on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Parents/Carers will be informed via text message.
- Reflections will commence at 15:10.

A reflection room will also operate during break and lunchtimes – if students are not adhering to the Ready, Respectful, Safe Code of Conduct during these times, they will spend the remainder of their social time in the room. Student attendance in the reflection room will be tracked and if a student is withdrawn from social times three times in a half term, they will also be issued with an after-school reflection.

The Ready, Respectful and Safe Room will not be in operation next year, a restorative approach will be in place to ensure that if students need to be withdrawn from a lesson for any reason, they will spend time with the Year Coordinator, resolve the issue and return to lessons as soon as possible, sanctions may be in place following this process.

Rewards and Praise

Rewarding students is important to us and all members of the Academy encourage positive behaviour and reward students on a daily basis. Students in all year groups who are showing behaviour that is above and beyond will be rewarded with 'CORE points'. Please see below for our Rewards and Praise flowcharts.

Rewards Flowchart – For behaviour **above and beyond** (1 of 2)

Reward type	How to achieve this reward	Other Information
CORE Points	<p>Examples include:</p> <p>COLLABORATION Working well with others COLLABORATION Supporting the teacher throughout the lesson OPPORTUNITY Trying hard in your work OPPORTUNITY Positive attitude / enthusiasm RESPECT Respectful behaviour RESPONSE Caring for others and the school environment EXCELLENCE Excellent progress made in your work EXCELLENCE Excellent presentation of work EXCELLENCE Excellent participation</p>	CORE points will be recorded on SIMS by the classroom teacher.
Text message home	Receiving CORE points.	Postcards and phone calls home will be recorded on SIMS by the form tutor or the pastoral team. Form tutor to call at least once every half-term
Postcards	Displaying positive behaviour and a positive attitude towards learning on a consistent basis.	
Phone call home		
Very Important Pupil (VIP)	<p>Nomination from a staff member (one per staff member per week) for going above and beyond the school's expectations.</p> <p>Recipients will be entered into a half-termly raffle, within their year group, for a chance to win a voucher.</p>	<p>Winning prize (per year group) = £20 voucher Runner-Up prize (per year group) = £10 voucher</p> <p>Recipient with the most VIP at the end of half-term will be invited for a hot chocolate with the Headteacher.</p>
CORE Shop	Receiving CORE points.	<p>There will be five different items to purchase all decided by the year council. The more expensive items will cost the most CORE points. Tiers will be set at 10 points, 25 points, 50 points, 100 points, 200 points. Items purchased will not affect a student's CORE points running total.</p>

Rewards Flowchart – For behaviour **above and beyond** (2 of 2)

Reward type	How to achieve this reward	Other Information
Arena Award	<p>Nomination from a staff member for applying any of the CORE points consistently.</p> <p>For achieving 100 CORE Points = Bronze For achieving 150 CORE Points = Silver For achieving 200 CORE Points = Gold For achieving 250 CORE Points = Platinum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positive text message sent home. - Certificate – four to collect throughout year - Name and picture featured in Parent newsletter.
Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher	Nomination from a staff member for exceptional behaviour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positive phone call made home. - Name and picture displayed on screens around school. - Meet with the Headteacher on Friday with a hot chocolate and treats.
Headteacher Award	Nomination from a staff member for exceptional behaviours that act as a role model for others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positive phone call made home from the Headteacher. - Name and picture displayed on screens. - Name and picture featured in Parent newsletter. Certificate with £5 voucher
CEO Award	<p>Collaboration - for completing a project or event with students from other CORE Schools Opportunity - for contributing positively to society on a community project outside school Respect - for exemplary acts/work of caring, sensitivity and kindness Excellence - for exceptional work in any context</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certificate signed by CEO – Mr Packer. - Name and picture displayed on screens. - Name and picture featured in Parent newsletter.

Expectations for the start and end of lessons

Please see below for our start and finish of lessons routine.



EXCELLENCE AT ARENA

"To provide an enjoyable, creative and challenging education which inspires every child to equip themselves with the keys to open doors to a successful career and rewarding life"



START *of lesson*

1. Arrive **on time** with **bags and coats off**
2. **Meet and greet** the teacher at the door
3. **Take your seat** according to the seating plan
4. Place **equipment** and **planner on desk**
5. Begin the "Do Now" activity **in silence**

FINISH *of lesson*

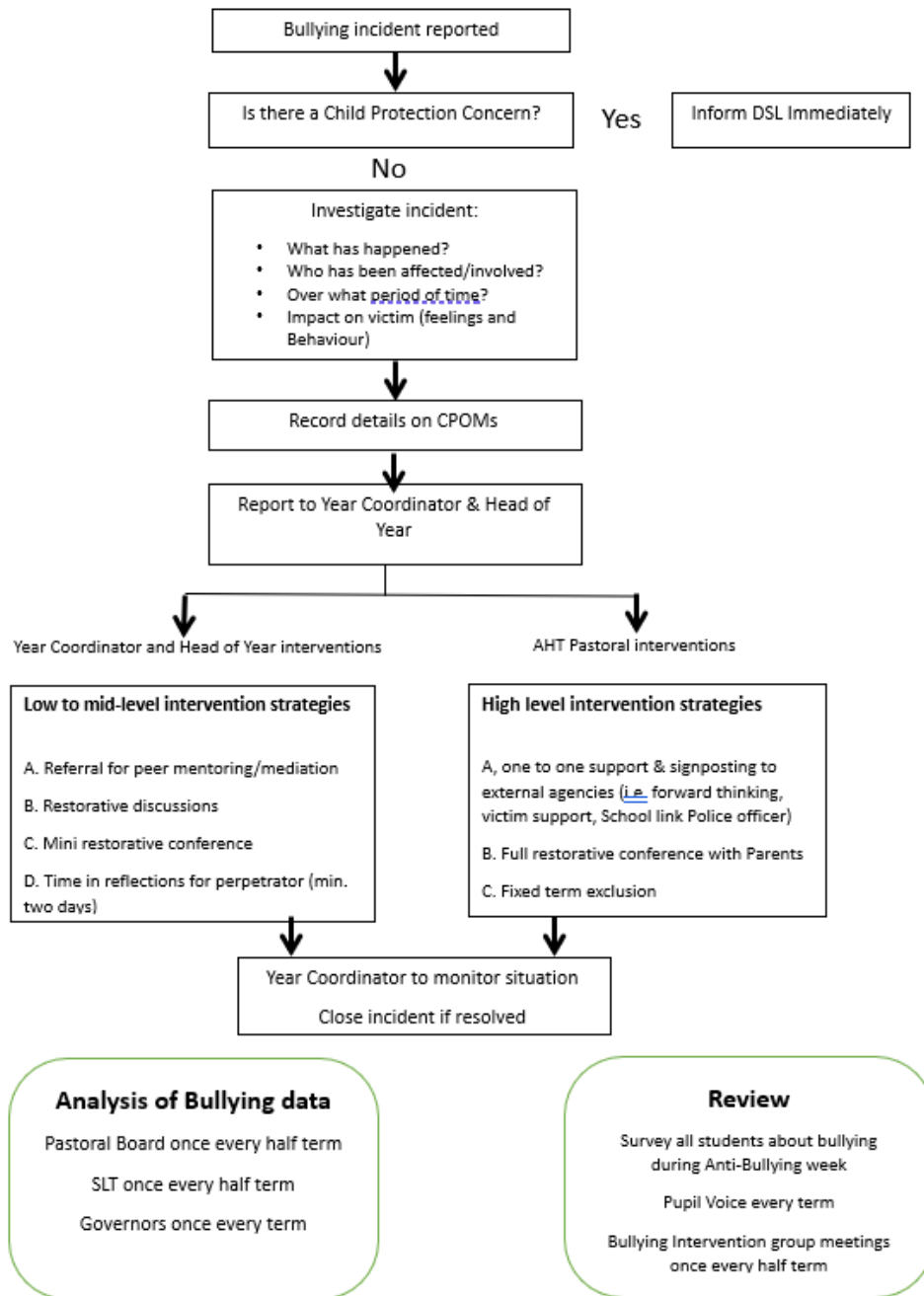
1. **Tidy the space** around you and **pack all equipment** away
2. Stand **behind your seat**
3. **Wait** until the teacher dismisses you from the room
4. **Walk quietly** and **purposefully** to your next lesson/break

Anti-Bullying

At Arena Academy we believe that all forms of bullying are unacceptable and should not be tolerated. We want all children to be and feel safe from bullying and all forms of discrimination. We want everyone who works with children to take bullying seriously and know how to resolve it positively.

As bullying happens at all levels of society we seek to empower our students to challenge, remedy and prevent bullying, creating a culture where every child is treated with dignity and respect and takes seriously their responsibility to treat others in the same way. The flowchart below details how our staff will deal with any incidents of bullying.

Procedure for responding to incidents of Bullying



Our students have created an Anti-bullying charter that will be signed by every student in a form class and displayed in the form room:



ARENA
ACADEMY

ANTI-BULLYING CHARTER

1. We believe bullying should always be dealt with seriously.
 2. We believe everyone should know that bullying behaviour is unacceptable.
 3. We believe that all students should feel safe and happy both within school and in the wider community.
 4. We believe our school should be free of all types of bullying.
 5. We believe that all members of the school have a responsibility to report incidents of bullying if they witness them., whether in school or online.
 6. We believe that all members of our school community should respect each other and value their differences.
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Whisper

We have introduced a new anonymous service that lets students/parents/carers report a problem at school or at home. Whether it be bullying, cyber bullying, issues at home or concerns about other fellow students.

The service consists of a website button / link that launches an online dialogue-box to capture information or details for anyone who needs to report issues to the school.

To report a problem either click on the Whisper icon to be taken to a secure web form or alternatively send an anonymous text by texting:

Problem? ARENA ACADEMY whisper it

*If you have a problem or concern in school or at home, you can report it to a member of staff **anonymously***



When to report

You or a friend are being bullied

You are concerned for a student's welfare

A student, member of staff, or parent has behaved inappropriately

You need to talk to someone about a problem

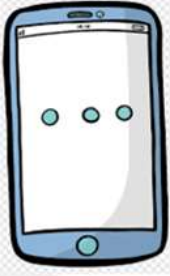
Suggestion for changes of improvements in school

Report via Text message: 07860 021 323

Report via: <https://swgfl.org.uk/whisper/cki1>

Invisible Mobile Phone Policy

Invisible Mobile Phone Policy



There is an Invisible Mobile Phone Policy in school applicable to all students, this means from when you enter the school site, until you leave, your phone **must NOT be seen**  **or heard** 

It is your responsibility to make sure your mobile phone is **in your bag** and **switched off** before you get to school and not removed until you leave the school site.

If you have your phone out in school it will be confiscated by a member of staff so please be **Respectful** of the new policy, be **Ready** to learn when you enter school and ensure you keep your phone **Safe**.

Curriculum for September 2022

Curriculum Intent and Content

Details of the curriculum that your child will receive can be found on our website <https://www.arena-birmingham.academy/our-curriculum/>

If you have any queries regarding the curriculum please contact Mrs Wain by emailing swain@corearena.academy

Your child will be studying the following subjects from September:

	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10			Year 11	
	Periods per week		Periods per week		Periods per week			Periods per week			Periods per week
English	4		4		4		English	5		English	4
Mathematics	4		4		4		Mathematics	4		Mathematics	4
Science	4		4		4		Science	5		Science	4
History	2		2		2		Option A	3		Option A	3
Geography	2		2		2		Option B	3		Option B	3
RE	1		1		1		Option C	3		Option C	3
French	2		2		2		PE	1		French/PE/ Sports or Skills	4
PE	1		1		1		Personal Dev	1			
IT	1		1		1						
Art	1		1		1						
Perf Arts	1		1		1						
DT	1		1		1						
Personal Development	1		1		1						
Total	25		25		25			25			25

Setting of students

Year 7 – 240 students

From September your child will be taught in mixed ability classes. They will be placed in either X, Y and Z – there is no difference between the three bands. For example X-1 is the same ability as Z-3. During the first half term they will undergo various assessments in order that we can assess their ability and provide tailored support. After the October half term they will be placed in ability sets in English, Mathematics, and Science – there will be three sets in each band. For all other subjects they will continue to be taught in mixed ability sets.

Year 8 – 210 students

From September your child will be placed in band X, or Y. There is no difference between the bands. In English, Mathematics, Science and French they will be placed in ability sets. There are 4 sets in X, and 4 sets in Y.

Year 9 – 240 students

From September your child will be placed in a band X, Y or Z. There is no difference between the bands. In English, Mathematics and Science they will all be taught each subject at the same time enabling us to set them into ability groups from 1 – 9. This will enable us to teach the pupils at the most appropriate levels of challenge. In French they will be set within their band. There are 3 sets in each band.

Years 10 (240 students) and Year 11 (180 students)

From September they will be taught within their chosen options, most of which will be mixed ability groups. In English, Mathematics and Science they will all be taught each subject at the same time enabling us to set them into ability groups from 1 – 9.(Year 10) and 1-7 (Year 11)

Homework

Homework will be set on Teams each Monday morning to enable students/parents to see what has to be completed and enable them to set their own schedule for the week. Subjects that students study for more than one hour per week will set a piece of homework every week. For subjects that students study for one hour per week (for example RE, Art) homework will be set every two weeks. Please encourage your child to complete their homework, but if they are experiencing any difficulty in completing the work please make a note in their planner to show their form tutor and/or subject teacher. Once a student has completed a piece of homework they should record this in their planner to keep a diary of what they have done throughout the year.

Personal Development (PD)

Personal Development provides opportunity for students to develop into responsible, respectful and active citizens who are able to play their part and become actively involved in public life as adults. PD develops and deepens understanding of the fundamental British values of democracy, individual liberty, the rule of law and mutual respect and tolerance. developing pupils' character, which is defined as a set of positive personal traits, dispositions and virtues that informs their motivation and guides their conduct so that they reflect wisely, learn eagerly, behave with integrity and cooperate consistently well with others. This gives pupils the qualities they need to flourish in our society.

Students cover a range of topics including; social media and online safety, risks from exploitation enabling pupils to recognise the dangers of inappropriate use of technology, the importance of physical and mental health in maintaining an active lifestyle, age-appropriate understanding of healthy relationships through appropriate relationships and sex education and supporting them in their next phase of education, training or employment so that pupils are equipped to make the transition successfully

Personal Development will be delivered to students during a timetabled lesson every week, themed activities and events will also be planned to supplement this throughout the year.

For further information please see this link to the area of the school website for PSHE and RSE: <https://www.corearena.academy/subjects/pshe-rse/>

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
M11 Health and wellbeing	6th Sept		What is PSHE	What is PSHE	What is PSHE
	13th Sept	What is PSHE	Drug use	Friendships	Managing change
	20th Sept	Managing emotions	Energy Drinks	Behaviours	Coping strategies
	4th Oct	Transition	Addiction	Gangs	Understanding Mental
	27th Sept	Black History	Black History	Black History	Black History
	11th Oct	Friendships	Risks and consequences	Life crime	Warning signs
	18th Oct	Study skills	Influences	Drug use	Support
M12 Living in the wider world	1st Nov	First Aid	Social norms	Risks	Stigma
	8th Nov	Enterprising	Equality	Transferable skills	Budgeting
	15th Nov	Anti Bullying	Anti Bullying	Anti Bullying	Anti Bullying
	22nd Nov	Equality	Stereotypes	Strengths	Data
	29th Nov	Stereotypes	Employment	Managing feelings	Gambling
	6th Dec	Aspirations	Aspirations	Employment	Gambling and Debt
	12th Dec	Career choices	Work patterns	Aspirations	Illegal financial activities
M13 Relationships	3rd Jan	Baseline	Baseline	Baseline	Baseline
	10th Jan	diversity	stereotyping	Wellbeing	Relationships
	17th Jan	bullying	prejudice-based language	Relationships	Diversity in attraction
	24th Jan	stereotyping	diversity	Marriage	Online relationships
	31st Jan	gender identity	gender identity	gender identity	gender identity
	7th Feb	prejudice-based language	peer influence	Breakdown in relationships	Coercion
	14th Feb	Inclusion	harmful social norms	Families	Abuse
M14 Health and wellbeing	28th Feb	Physical and mental health	Physical and mental health	Physical and mental health	Physical and mental health
	7th Mar	Lifestyle choices	Lifestyle choices	Lifestyle choices	Lifestyle choices
	14th Mar	Alcohol and tobacco	Emotions	Healthy coping strategies	Drugs and alcohol
	21st Mar	Puberty	Digital resilience	Body image	Addictions
	28th Mar	Unwanted contact	Unhealthy coping	Health choices	Role models
	4th Apr	FGM	Healthy coping strategies	Responsibility for health	Gang culture

6-11 The LGBTQ+ Community	3rd Jan	Baseline	Baseline	Baseline	Baseline	Baseline
	10th Jan	diversity	stereotyping	Wellbeing	Relationships	Intimacy
	17th Jan	bullying	prejudice-based language	Relationships	Diversity in attraction	STI's
	24th Jan	stereotyping	diversity	Marriage	Online relationships	Unwanted attention
	31st Jan	gender identity	gender identity	gender identity	gender identity	gender identity
	7th Feb	prejudice-based language	peer influence	Breakdown in relationships	Coercion	Sexual images
12-17 The LGBTQ+ Community	14th Feb	inclusion	harmful social norms	Families	Abuse	Readiness for Sex
	28th Feb	Physical and mental health	Physical and mental health	Physical and mental health	Physical and mental health	Physical and mental health
	7th Mar	Lifestyle choices	Lifestyle choices	Lifestyle choices	Lifestyle choices	Healthy lifestyle choices
	14th Mar	Alcohol and tobacco	Emotions	Healthy coping strategies	Drugs and alcohol	Managing risk
	21st Mar	Puberty	Digital resilience	Body image	Addictions	Cancers
	28th Mar	Unwanted contact	Unhealthy coping	Health choices	Role models	Body alterations
18-24 The LGBTQ+ Community	4th Apr	FGM	Healthy coping strategies	Responsibility for health	Gang culture	Vaccinations

Assessment Framework

From September 2022, a new assessment model will be adopted here at Arena Academy. This model is called the 'Common Assessment Framework' (CAF). The framework was developed in collaboration with all four CORE Education Trust schools (Arena Academy, City Academy, Jewellery Quarter Academy and Rockwood Academy), in order to align and share best teaching & learning and assessment practise across the trust. In essence, each year group is given two designated blocks of teaching time (called teaching cycles), in which at the end of each cycle a cumulative test takes place. This is staggered for each year group, so that teachers are fully focussed on each year group throughout the year, in particular during the testing periods.

Please find below the CAF model:

	AUT		SPR		SUM	
	1	2	1	2	1	2
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	Yr. 7 Cycle: AP1		Yr. 7 Cycle: AP2			
8	Yr. 8 Cycle: AP1		Yr. 8 Cycle: AP2			
9	Yr. 9 Cycle: AP1		Yr. 9 Cycle: AP2			
10	Yr. 10 Cycle: AP1	Yr. 10 Cycle: AP2			Yr. 11 Cycle: AP1	
11	Yr. 11 Cycle: AP1	Yr. 11 Cycle: AP2		Final Exam Preparation		

What would it look like for our students?

- Cumulative Testing: Help students to learn more and remember more
- Structure and routines
- Increase academic learning time
- No surprises
- Patterns easier to identify
- Improved student voice in reference to teachers and perception of teaching quality
- Improve behaviour
- Increase in PASS scores related to affinity to Academy
- Increase attendance
- Improved T&L: Quantitative comparison if we begin now
- Less cognitive overload
- Greater focus on learning

- Reduction in staff absences

Key Assessment/Teaching & Learning Points:

Year Group	Assessment/Teaching Learning point	Exact dates TBC
7	Teaching Cycle 1	AUT1-SP1
7	Teaching Cycle 1 testing	SP1
7	Teaching Cycle 2	SP2-SUM2
7	Teaching Cycle 2 testing	SUM2
8	Teaching Cycle 1	AUT1-AUT2
8	Teaching Cycle 1 testing	SP1
8	Teaching Cycle 2	SP2-SUM1
8	Teaching Cycle 2 testing	SUM2
9	Teaching Cycle 1	AUT1-AUT2
9	Teaching Cycle 1 testing	AUT2
9	Teaching Cycle 2	SP1-SUM1
9	Teaching Cycle 2 testing	SUM1
9	Year 10 preparation/teaching	SUM2
10	Teaching Cycle 1	AUT1-AUT2
10	Teaching Cycle 1 testing	AUT2
10	Teaching Cycle 2	SP1-SUM1
10	Teaching Cycle 2 testing	SUM1
10	Year 11 Teaching Cycle 1 starts	SUM2
11	Teaching Cycle 1	AUT1-AUT2
11	Teaching Cycle 1 testing (Nov Mocks)	AUT2
11	Teaching Cycle 2	SP1-SP2
11	Teaching Cycle 2 testing (Mar PPEs)	SP2
11	Final external exams preparation	SP2-SUM1
11	Final external examinations	SUM1-SUM2

Key terms from the table above:

Teaching Cycle – Block of designated weeks where teaching will take place in the lead up to the end of cycle testing. The content to be taught within each teaching cycle is determined within subject scheme of work and medium/long term plans.

AUT 1 – Sep to Oct
 AUT 2 – Nov to Dec
 SP1 – Jan to Feb
 SP2 – Mar to Apr
 SUM1 – Apr to May
 SUM2 – Jun to Jul

Parents Evenings

All Parents' Evenings will be face to face from September 2022. Dates of the Parents Evenings are given below:

Year Group	Date
Year 7 Settling in Evening	September 22 nd 2022
Year 11 Parents Evening	December 1 st 2022
Year 10 Parents Evening	January 5 th 2023
Year 9 Options/Parents Evening	January 19 th 2023
Year 8 Parents Evening	February 2 nd 2023
Year 7 Parents Evening	February 9 th 2023

Extra-Curricular Activities

We will be offering a range of clubs and activities in the new academic year, students and parents/carers will be informed when we start back in September. MW fitness coaching will continue to offer all students activities at lunch including football, basketball, netball and dance. These are all organised and supervised by external sports coaches that are continuing to work with all students.

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES
EVERY LUNCHTIME ON THE PLAYGROUND

ARENA ACADEMY **MW**

Marlon Aiden Becky Jamie

Football | Netball | Basketball | Dance

Arena Academy in Partnership with MW Fitness

IT Provision

Digital TV Screens – There are several digital TV screens strategically placed across the school site to provide announcements to pupils & staff, advertise awareness days, celebrates successes and provide vital information based on an emerging need.



Visualisers – Visualisers have been installed in every classroom, to allow the teacher to make real-time live demonstrations on the whiteboard e.g. drawing techniques, reading books, practical demonstrations etc.



Interactive Screens in classrooms – We are now installing new interactive TV screens in more classrooms, which are of better quality and allow the pupils and teachers to interact on screen demonstrations and presentations.



Lunch time news - During lunch time in the hall/canteen, Sky News is played on the large screen so that pupils stay in touch with current affairs. The screen is also used to promote festivals/cultures/awareness days.



Laptop trolleys – We have further developed our ICT provision by acquiring further laptop trolleys (containing 15 laptops each), which are used to support KS4 lessons, in particular for extended learning and completion of controlled assessments.



Computer Suites - We have five computer suites across the school, which are used to primarily deliver Computer Science, Business and IT lessons, as well support other subjects with their curriculum needs.



Important notice:

Please note that there will be a robust IT equipment reporting and monitoring system from September 2022. If a pupil is caught damaging any IT equipment, they will be severely sanctioned, and **costs of damages will be invoiced to parents/carers.**

School Map and location of rooms

You can see below a map of our three floors that show locations of all classrooms and offices. For an interactive 360 tour of our school building, please click this link: <https://www.arena-birmingham.academy/school-tour/>

Lower Floor



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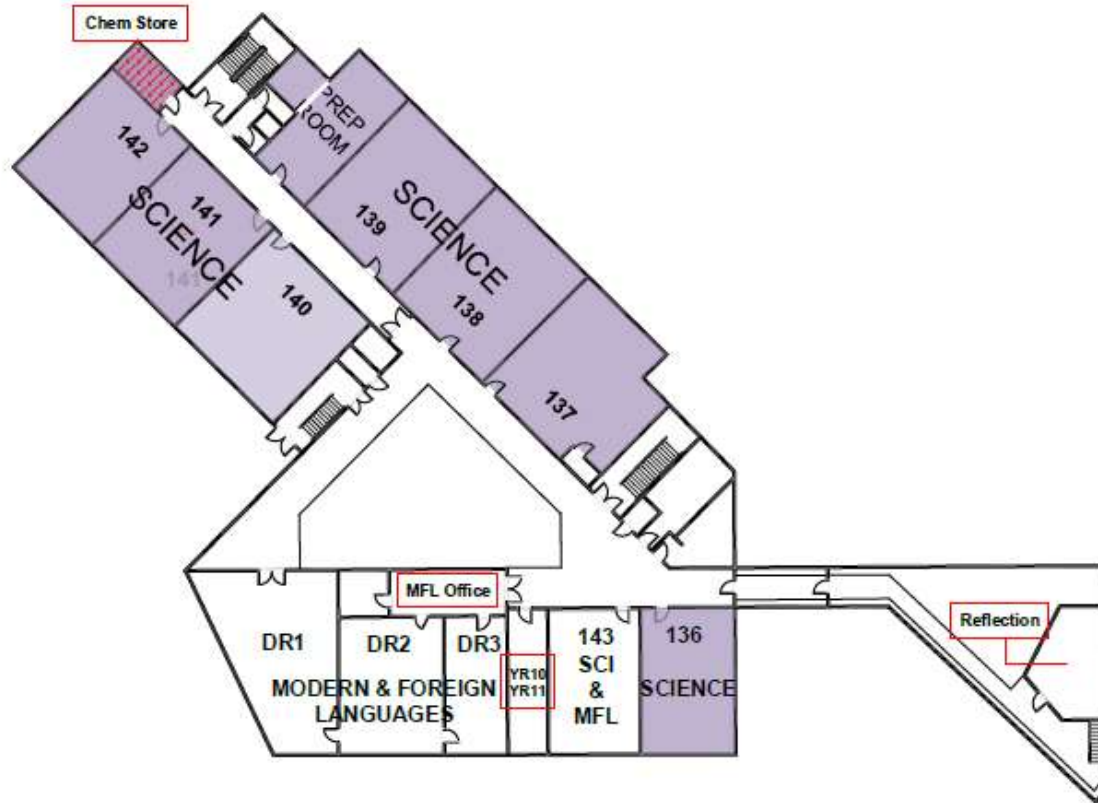
Ground Floor

Key - Computer Room 



Upper Floor

Key - Computer Room



FAQs

What time does school start?

The main Arena Central doors open at 8:25am. All students should be sat in their form rooms before 8:35am. Any student that arrives after 8:35am will be marked as late and must sign in at reception.

What equipment does my child need to bring to school?

We expect every student to be prepared for every school day. Please ensure you have the basic items and equipment for every lesson:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Student Planner

In order to keep books, equipment and PE kit neat and safe, students should have a suitable bag to carry their belongings. We recommend a sturdy backpack, with a secure fastening, which has their name clearly labelled. Students will be given an exercise book or folder for each subject. If the student loses or willingly damages any equipment provided for them, they will be expected to pay for a replacement.

Where can my child go at break and lunch time?

Students can go to the canteen, library or outside. In the canteen hot and cold food is served. On the playground students can join in with activities from MW fitness coaches including football, netball, basketball and dance. In addition to this, there will also be clubs available for students to join during lunch times. A timetable for all clubs will be made available to students in September.



Can my child go to the toilet during lesson time?

We advise all students to use the toilets before school, during break and lunch time. If a student needs to use the toilet during lesson time, they must ask their teacher and a note will be written in their planner.

Does my child have to wear their blazer?

Yes, we require all students to wear their blazers. Students can take off their blazers in classrooms but must ask the teacher first.

Should I send my child into school with a refillable water bottle?

Yes, we encourage all students to drink water throughout the day. We have water fountains available for all students to use during break and lunch times – please see image below (students are not allowed to use the water fountains during lesson time). In addition to this, we provide jugs of water for all students at break and lunch in the canteen.



My child has lost their school bag in school, how do I find it?

Please see detailed information here about our lost property protocol: [Lost Property - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](http://corearena.academy)

I have a concern about my child's academic progress, who do I contact?

Please contact your child's head of year in the first instance.

I have a concern regarding behaviour, who do I contact?

Please contact your child's Year coordinator in the first instance.

Does my child have to bring their student planner with them every day?

*Yes, we require all students to bring their student planner with them to school every day. Student planners must be put on their desks for every lesson. Teachers and form tutors will often write notes in the student planner. **It is essential all Parents/Carers check and sign the student planners on a weekly basis.***

If my child cycles to school, can they store their bicycle securely?

Yes, we have cycle racks near the Arena Central entrance. All bicycles are stored at the owner's risk.

My child is ill, what do I do?

If your child is too poorly to attend school, you need to contact the attendance team.

My child has a medical appointment in school time, what should I do?

We ask that every attempt be made to have medical appointments after school so students don't miss valuable learning. If this is unavoidable, we expect your child to attend before and after the appointment and you must provide evidence of the appointment so we can mark the absence as authorised.

How will the Academy communicate with me on a day to day basis?

- *Notes in planner*
- *Text messages home*
- *Email*
- *Phone calls home*
- *School website*
- *Letters*