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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming pupils back to Team Ipsley as we begin another academic year. A special welcome, also, to all of those families who are joining us in year 5 for the first time. Though this year does bring a return to much normality in school life, I wanted to write to all families so that you are aware of the few changes that we and other schools are making so that we can ensure that all pupils and staff make a happy, healthy and safe return.

When is my first day?

For Year 5, pupils' first day will be Monday, 6th September.

For Year 6, pupils' first day will be Tuesday, 7th September. There will be learning activities available for pupils on Monday, 6th September. More information will be shared with you shortly around accessing these activities.

For Year 7, pupils' first day will be Tuesday, 7th September. There will be learning activities available for pupils on Monday, 6th September. More information will be shared with you shortly around accessing these activities.

For Year 8, pupils' first day will be Wednesday, 8th September.

When does school start and finish?

The school day begins at 8.35. Pupils can arrive from 8.15, and should head to the playground where staff will meet them. We are no longer staggering the start and end of the day for different year groups. Pupils can enter school via either the front gate (on Winyates Way) or the back gate (on Lowlands Lane), though we ask that you are considerate of our neighbours in being careful not to obstruct driveways during drop off or collection. Parents should not come onto the site unless they have an arranged appointment. Pupils should be in full uniform, details of which is available at www.ipsleyacademy.co.uk/uniform, and bring their full equipment with them.

The school day ends at 3.15. Pupils can leave school via the front or back gate. We ask any parents who are collecting their children to meet them off site and to avoid congregating at the gates so that pupils can make an orderly exit.

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Does my child still need to isolate due to coronavirus?

It's more important than ever that everybody is in the classroom and learning. Pupils do not need to isolate unless they have developed symptoms of coronavirus or they have been instructed to do so via NHS Test and Trace. If a pupil has been a close contact of somebody with coronavirus, or if somebody in your household tests positive, your child should still come to school. They may be strongly advised to take a PCR test but should not miss school to take this. If a pupil is isolating because they have developed symptoms of coronavirus and are awaiting a test result, or they have tested positive for coronavirus, then learning from home will be provided. Pupils should not come to school if they have any symptoms of coronavirus, and should your child develop symptoms of coronavirus whilst in school we will contact you in order to arrange collection of your child. We appreciate your understanding of this during these challenging times.

Where can I find out more information about the start of the year?

We have shared lots of information on our website: <https://www.ipsleyacademy.co.uk/september-2021-information/>

If you have further questions which are not answered on our website, please contact the school office on 01527 525725 or office@ipsleyacademy.co.uk. The school office will be open from the afternoon of Thursday, 2nd September.

Thank you for the incredible support, resilience and determination you have shown throughout the very challenging recent period. I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours faithfully,



Miss A Saul
Principal