



# Atlantic Academy Portland

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Dear Parents and Carers

Back in March, we received the news that schools would be partially closing to most students. Since this time we have been incredibly proud of the commitment our students have demonstrated in our virtual school. We have been slowly welcoming back more students to our school over the past few months, but have been unable to open for all of our students.

The government issued guidance yesterday to support the full opening of schools in September. The guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

It is the government's, and Atlantic's, plan that all students in all year groups will return to school from the beginning of the autumn term. In our preparations for this, we are carefully acting on the government guidance to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all students and staff.

We will send you a letter before the end of term outlining more specific arrangements for the autumn term, but thought it helpful to send you this early communication, with more general information from the government guidance.

Getting to school may be a concern for some parents, especially with a staggered start and finish time. The government is encouraging students to walk or to ride a bike to and from school wherever this is possible. For those of you who travel on dedicated school transport, the DfE will soon publish new guidance to local authorities on how this should be managed. Please indicate through this [Google form](#), what mode of transport your child will be taking to and from school. For those students who need to use public transport, we shall be considering potential arrangements to enable more journeys to take place outside of peak time. Families using public transport should refer to the [safer travel guidance for passengers](#).

From September, our attendance policy will apply, although we are asking parents to follow the government guidance in line with Covid-19 symptoms. Should any students or families need to self isolate, through symptoms, medical advice or the government track and trace program, all our virtual classrooms will continue to support learning from home.

I hope this information is helpful to you. As I stated earlier in this letter, we will communicate again before the end of term, outlining our specific plans for September.

Yours faithfully

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