



# Atlantic Academy Portland

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Dear Parents

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. We're looking forward to welcoming back our Year 1 - Year 6 Atlantic Families on **Monday 6th September** and look forward to welcoming our new Reception Families on **Wednesday 8th September**.

As restrictions have eased, we will no longer need to run staggered times for each year group. However following parent feedback and to ease congestion on the playground, we will be following a 5 minute staggered start as shown below:

	Reception	KS1	KS2
Start Time	8.35am	8.35am	8.30am
Finish Time	2.55pm	2.55pm	3.00pm

Parents in Reception and KS1 will be able to bring students to their classroom door. KS2 will come through the gate independently and line up with their class teacher on the playground. All members of staff will be available on Monday morning to greet the children and provide support for those who need it. At the end of the day, all children will be dismissed by their teacher from the school gates.

### Self-Isolation

From the 16th August, the legal requirement to self-isolate after close contact ended for everyone aged under 18 and for adults who have been fully vaccinated. This means that from September, only those who show symptoms and await test results or those who test positive, will be required to self-isolate. Please could you continue to report any positive cases through the [contact form on the Academy website](#).

NHS test and trace will carry out contact tracing in all education settings. Up to now, this has been done by the school with assistance from Public Health England.

### Protective Measures

In line with measures for wider society, the Government has recommended that face coverings and social distancing will no longer be necessary, including in schools and colleges.

Whilst this is very positive news, we must continue to be vigilant and cautious in our approach to the start of term. We will continue to practice good hygiene and ensure the building is well ventilated as per government guidance.

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