

Elements Academy

Doe Quarry Lane
Dinnington
Sheffield
S25 2NF

7th July 2022

Elements Academy – Dinnington – September opening

Dear Parents/Carers

Now we have moved into July and begin moving towards the end of this academic year, we wanted to collectively share the planning for the transition of your child to **Elements Academy** in the autumn term.

We fully recognise the importance of transition for children and young people with Social, Emotional, and Mental Health needs. The transition of your child into the new educational surroundings at Elements Academy in Dinnington is therefore being carefully planned within a detailed transition plan for all pupils who will attend the new school. Elements Academy will formally open to some groups of pupils from 12th September, with individual visits for parents/carers and pupils being arranged over a number of days from 9th September. This will provide the opportunity for you to come and visit the new school, have a tour of the site, meet with key staff and learn more around the education offer Ethos Academy Trust will provide to your child at Elements Academy.

Following the visit, all pupils attending Elements Academy will have a phased transition into the new school across the early part of the new term, **the parents/carers of each child attending Elements Academy will receive an individual letter sharing the school timetable of their child for the new term before the summer break.** The timetable for the first part of the new term will concentrate on supporting your child to get used to the new school setting in a supportive way and place an emphasis on building up the confidence of your child to access their educational offer at Elements Academy. Initial planning includes phase groups accessing the school against a set timetable as part of this transitional period in September and working in a personalised way with pupils to make sure that we support a successful start in their new school aligned to their individual needs. The gradual integration into Elements Academy in September will support both school and pupils/parents/carers to overcome any logistical challenges which may link to the opening of a new school and we recognise the importance of us providing you with a clear line of communication to help you support your child as part of this transition.

We are committed to working collaboratively with parents/carers and if you are unable to attend the visit given to you, then we will look at alternative arrangements to meet with you in early September, so that you feel confident in the planning to support your child to move to Elements Academy across September 2022.

To support you we have provided some information overleaf which includes:

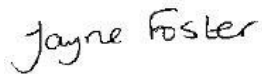
- Key dates i.e. open days, period of transition (September) and INSET days
- Contact information for any queries
- School address
- Information about the school day, transport and uniform

We look forward to welcoming your child into Elements and working in partnership with you in the long term. Your continued support as part of the opening of Elements Academy is really appreciated.

We hope you have a safe and happy summer break.

Yours sincerely

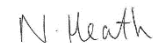
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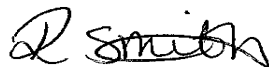
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Elements Academy: Additional Information

Key Dates

INSET Days: **1st / 2nd / 5th / 6th / 7th / 8th September 2022**

Pupil / Parent / Carer Visit Dates: **Friday 9th September**

Period of Transition: **First phase begins on Monday 12th September – details for individual pupil plans to follow**

Contact Details

If you have any queries, please contact:

apark@eat.uk.com

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The School Day

The school day will run from 9 am - 2.30 pm.

The vast majority of pupils will arrive by taxi to Elements Academy. All parents will be informed of the estimated pick up and drop off times prior to joining Elements Academy.

We have three entrances: the main academy entrance for visitors and staff, the KS2 entrance and the KS3/4 entrance. These are all at the front of the academy. When pupils arrive, they will be greeted by staff that they know and welcomed into school to start their day.

Transport

For pupils with existing transport arrangements in place, these will remain for the transition to the new school and will then be reviewed in the autumn term to make sure that they are meeting the needs of your child following the move into the new school. For pupils requiring transport, which was not previously in place, transport assessments are currently underway.

Parents/carers can apply for a child to be assessed for specialist home to school travel assistance via the following link:

[Specialist Home to School Travel Assistance](#)

Uniform

All pupils will be expected to wear the Elements Academy uniform. The wearing of a school uniform allows for equality and fairness. Uniform also demonstrates to everyone that we are part of a community and it prepares pupils for adult life and the world of work. When designing Elements Academy uniform, parents and pupils were consulted and we can confirm that we have considered sensory difficulties and cost.

For pupils in Key Stage 2, the uniform will consist of:

School Uniform: Navy blue sweatshirt with Elements Academy logo, plain white polo shirt (no logos), black trousers, black skirt or black jogging bottoms (no logos), plain black shoes or plain black trainers.

PE/Adventure Uniform: Navy blue hoodie with Elements Academy logo, plain white t-shirt (no logos), plain black shorts or jogging bottoms (no logos), trainers.

For pupils in Key Stages 3 and 4, the uniform will consist of:

School Uniform: Grey sweatshirt with Elements Academy logo, plain white polo shirt (no logos), black trousers, black skirt or black jogging bottoms (no logos), plain black shoes or plain black trainers.

PE/Adventure Uniform: Navy blue hoodie with Elements Academy logo, plain white t-shirt (no logos), plain black shorts or jogging bottoms (no logos), trainers.

Elements Academy will provide all pupils with **one** school jumper and **one** PE jumper. Details of the supplier will be provided to parents who wish to purchase any more.