THE DEAN TRUST
Lord Derby Academy
Chief Executive: Mr Tarun Kapur CBE
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14th July 2020

Dear Year 8 Parent/Carer

I hope you are safe and well.

As you will be aware, the Department for Education has stated:

'It is our plan that all pupils, in all year groups, will return to school full-time from the beginning of the Autumn term.'

The plans for the re-opening of Lord Derby Academy have been drawn up to support the following aims:

- To support the safety and well-being of our pupils and staff
- To limit risk whilst ensuring the effective running of the school
- To maintain our exceptional LDA Standards
- To continue the LDA offer of a broad, balanced and aspirational curriculum

In line with advice and guidance from Public Health England, additional health and safety measures and revised systems will be in place throughout the school from September onwards and until further guidance is issued.

LDA Governors have agreed to an additional staff INSET day on Wednesday 2nd September 2020 to enable all staff to be fully trained to support our pupils' safe return.

Our arrangements for the pupils' first week back in September will be slightly different to normal. Pupils in different year groups will have a staggered start across the week and each pupil will only attend a compulsory **induction day** this week, during which they will receive support with their well-being and vital information about their return to school and their responsibilities as part of the LDA wider community.

Your child's induction to Year 8 will take place on Friday 4th September
Arrival time: 8.55am
Departure time: 2.55pm

Pupils must attend at their allocated start time

Your child will not attend school on Thursday 3rd September

All pupils will begin their full timetable of lessons in their appropriate teaching groups from Monday 7th September. Staggered arrival and departure times will be implemented in line with government guidance. Please note the slight amendment to the timing of the day for your child's year group.

Week commencing 7th September onwards
Year 8 Arrival time: 8.55am
Year 8 Departure time: 2.55pm

School will only be open to pupils at their allocated start time and pupils must leave the school site promptly at the end of the day and not gather in groups outside.

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Please be aware of the following headlines:

- Full school uniform must be worn at all times
- All pupils must bring a bag and compulsory equipment as per the LDA standards and expectations information
- Pupils will be informed of additional health and safety measures, which must be strictly adhered to by all pupils at all times
- Opportunities for additional hand washing / sanitising have been built into the school day
- Movement around the school site has been reduced
- Pupils will be offered a reduced and limited menu at lunchtime; further details will follow.
- Food ordering and payment systems are currently under review; further details will follow.
- Extra-curricular activities will be available in an online capacity only until further notice
- Further details regarding PE arrangements will follow
- Pupils are encouraged to walk or cycle to school wherever possible
- The school gates will be closed to vehicles between 2.45pm and 3.15pm as per our usual arrangements
- An appointment system will be in operation for parents/carers wishing to visit site. Parents/carers will not be admitted to the building without an appointment
- Our school website and Twitter account (@DT__LDA) will be updated when appropriate across the summer break to keep you fully informed

Please be aware that due to the ever-evolving COVID-19 situation, all arrangements are subject to review and can be changed at any time. I will always endeavour to communicate any changes with parents/carers in advance.

I am very appreciative of your support and I am looking forward to welcoming your child to the school in September.

Yours sincerely,

V. Gowan

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher

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