



**THE DEAN TRUST**  
**Lord Derby Academy**

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26<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your families are safe and well and that you have enjoyed the summer break. Staff at school are really looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back on site from next week.

We do appreciate this may be a daunting time for your child and I can assure you that we have pupil support and well-being at the centre of our plans.

Start and finish times for LDA pupils remain the same as in my letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and are available on the school website and on the school's Twitter account (@DT\_LDA).

As you are aware, schools in England will fully re-open for all pupils in September. Since this instruction came through from government, leaders at The Dean Trust and at Lord Derby Academy have been working to ensure appropriate Health and Safety measures are in place to support a safe return for pupils and staff.

With Health and Safety as our priority, we also remain uncompromising in our high standards and in our offer of a 'broad, balanced and aspirational curriculum' for all.

School leaders are ensuring compliance with the '**Guidance for full opening: schools**' released by the Department For Education (DFE) in July and updated in August.

I can now highlight to you some of the measures in place at the school and also respectfully highlight how you as parents can support us in our aim to keep our school community safe.

These measures will be continuously reviewed and may be subject to change.

**Health and Safety measures in place at LDA for Half Term 1:**

- **Full Dean Trust and LDA Risk Assessments consulted on and implemented (available on the school website W/C 31<sup>st</sup> August)**
- **Pupils operating in Year Group Bubbles, including:**
  - **Staggered start and exit times for each Year Group (see 14<sup>th</sup> July letter)**
  - **Separate entrance and exit routes for Year Groups**
  - **Indoor and Outdoor Year Group Zones for Break and Lunch**
  - **Reduced movement across the school**
- **Toilets across the school opened to enable increased hand-cleaning opportunities**
- **Increased signage about the importance of good hygiene and hand- cleaning**
- **Rear stairwells in use in addition to usual staircases to give pupils more space when moving around the school**

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- **Continuation of 'Walking on the left' system with clear signage of routes around the school**
- **Desks in classrooms facing forward**
- **Hand sanitiser stations and lidded bins available in all areas of the school**
- **Form Time and assemblies being delivered by lesson 1 teacher or virtually by Head of Year to stop gatherings and to remove a full 'lesson change-over'**
- **Staff INSET days on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September focusing on Health and Safety/ Pupil well-being training**
- **Additional cleaning staff on site every day.**
- **Site thoroughly cleaned before September return**
- **Full switch to 'cashless' systems using Parent Pay**
- **Updated Behaviour Policy – including an appropriate sanction for any pupil who does not respect the Health and Safety measures in place**
- **A (limited) choice of hot meals available each lunch time**

**Parents/Carers can support the school by:**

- **Discussing the importance of your child adhering to the Health and Safety measures in place– including respecting the 'social distancing' between staff and pupils (teachers distancing at the front of the classroom for example)**
- **Encouraging your child to walk/cycle to and from school 'where possible'**
- **Ensuring your child wears a face covering if using public transport (unless exempt)**
- **Providing your child with tissues and hand sanitiser if possible**
- **Ensuring you are logged on to Parent Pay and that your account contains funds if your child is not in receipt of Free School Meals**
- **Ensuring your child has a full breakfast as we are unable to provide breakfast on site and snacks available at breaktime will be limited to a snack bar and a bottle of water**
- **Ensuring your child has the full set of equipment on our Standards Poster (see school website). You child will not be able to share equipment and will not be able to purchase equipment using cash on site**

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- **Phoning/emailing the school to speak to school staff because opportunities for 'face-face' meetings are limited. You can email the school office on [office@lordderbyacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@lordderbyacademy.co.uk)**
- **Not turning up to the school without an appointment**
- **Reading the school website, school Twitter account and school newsletter for updates**
- **Ensuring you are logged onto Class Charts to be updated about all aspects of your child's learning**
- **Engaging with the NHS Test and Trace programme if necessary and ensuring your child is tested if he/she is displaying persistent symptoms of COVID-19**
- **Not sending your child to school if he/she is displaying persistent symptoms of COVID-19**
- **Understanding that, despite the school's mitigating control measures, not all element of risk can be eradicated**

Please also be aware of the following:

- Government guidance on face coverings in schools is currently changing. The Dean Trust will be communicating information on the situation regarding face coverings early next week, in advance of the pupils' return to school
- Your child will need to bring his/her school PE kit on the days when he/she is timetabled for PE from 7<sup>th</sup> September onwards
- The food options available for pupils at lunch time will be available on the website early next week
- The school calendar will be continuously reviewed. At this stage – no evening events will take place in Half Term One
- Regretfully, no extra- curricular activities will be able to take place in Half Term One

I hope you find the above information useful. I will keep you updated throughout the term.

I am very appreciative of your support and I look forward to seeing your child next week.

With kind regards,

Miss V. Gowan

Headteacher

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