



THE DEAN TRUST
Lord Derby Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your families are healthy and well in these challenging circumstances. You will be very aware that, as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic, we again find ourselves under national lockdown restrictions.

Please know that I am thinking of our whole school community at all times and that I am determined we at LDA will do all we can to provide the best possible support, care and provision for our pupils in this difficult situation.

My main methods of communication over the coming weeks will be via formal letters, newsletters, the school website, text messages, emails and the official school Twitter account @DT__LDA. Any key information will always be sent to you directly and placed on the website. The Twitter account is a useful way to disseminate initial information quickly and to keep you updated on school news.

If you are struggling for support for your child in any way with regard to school, please do not hesitate to contact us directly via the office account office@lordderbyacademy.co.uk or by telephoning reception on 0151 477 8860. We will respond to your queries as soon as is practicably possible.

With regard to remote learning, I truly thank you for all your support and I fully acknowledge the challenges that this ask can bring for our families. We will endeavour to provide the best possible provision for all our pupils, in line with their curriculum pathways, to ensure they can continue to make progress. The school has distributed over 600 electronic devices to pupils over recent months. If your child is still unable to access the Google Classroom from home for any reason, please contact the school and we will do our utmost to resolve the situation for you.

I have asked our school staff to provide remote learning in a way that ensures a high- quality offer and meets our pupils' needs. I have also asked our staff to ensure that our remote learning offer is sustainable and manageable for them as teachers as I also have a responsibility to ensure staff well-being, particularly at this challenging time. I am confident that we can work together with our families in partnership to provide the best possible experience for our school community. My lead member of staff for remote learning is Assistant Headteacher Mrs Phillips. She will communicate regularly with you over the coming weeks to keep you updated and to provide you with support in this domain.

I am well aware that the mental and physical well-being of our pupils is absolutely crucial. We will be providing ways to support our pupils with their health and well-being at the same time as focusing on their academic progress. Assemblies will be delivered by our Heads of Year remotely every Monday morning and there will be a range of other support on offer through the curriculum content including via P.E. and PSHE lessons. Please encourage your child to step outside for some fresh air during the school day at break and lunch times and encourage them to take some physical exercise once daily in line with the lockdown permissions.

My usual weekly newsletters will resume next week.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require any additional information.

You and your families are in my thoughts.

With kind regards,

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher

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