



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

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you and your families are well.

It is with regret that I am having to write to you again so soon after my previous letter. This is because we have, unfortunately, had to ask a group of Year 10 pupils to self-isolate due to receiving notification of positive cases of Covid-19 within the Year Group.

We fully understand your frustration at this further period of isolation but I can assure you that we are acting on the Government advice that has been issued to schools.

As I said in my previous letter, please reassure your child that they do not need to worry about the examinations that have been missed. Pupils have already completed one maths, two science and one language exam during week 1 of the assessments. It is difficult to facilitate full 'online' examinations for the remaining subjects due to the types of responses required. However, we appreciate that pupils have been preparing for the examinations. I can assure you that this work is valuable and will stand them in good stead. Science will set some specific questions online which have been extracted from the physics exam paper and maths will set a paper on mathswatch which pupils can access at home. If possible, we will aim to facilitate the remaining assessments when they return.

There will be further formal assessment opportunities in the Autumn Term when we hope there will be a return to some stability following the release of new Government guidance.

We understand that this additional period of self-isolation may have a negative impact on motivation and well-being. To support pupils, Mrs Blackmore will post a daily message for pupils on the Year 10 Google classroom – code **p6cf66f**. This will include some enrichment ideas to engage pupils. If a pupil needs to speak to a member of staff, please contact school and we will pass the message to the relevant person. Whilst pupils are at home, teachers will set work via the Google classroom in line with our curriculum pathways. Providing they are well enough to do so, pupils need to follow their normal school timetable via the Google classroom and complete any tasks set to the best of their ability.

We appreciate your support during this time and can reassure you that Health and Safety is our number one priority. We are following government guidance by asking pupils to self-isolate. Please ensure your child completes the self-isolation period so we can help to break the chains of transmission.

If you or your child requires any information or support please contact school on 0151 477 8860 or email [office@lordderbyacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@lordderbyacademy.co.uk) for the attention of Mrs Blackmore / Mrs Broadhurst. Pupils can also message via the Year 10 google classroom. Please continue to check the school website and Twitter @DT\_LDA for updates and information and encourage pupils to log in to the Year 10 Google classroom for information and messages of support.

We look forward to welcoming Year 10 back on site once they have completed their period of self-isolation.

Yours sincerely,

Miss L Morrison  
Assistant Headteacher – Director of Key Stage 4

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