

8 September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a pleasure to welcome back the students to the Academy this week even if the current restrictions have not fully allowed the school day to function in its usual manner.

The students' have responded positively to the temporary changes that are in place and I am pleased to say the benefits of a return to face to face teaching is clearly evident even at this early stage.

Due to the current guidelines that are in place we are not able to welcome Parents to the Information event which would have taken place this week on Thursday evening. However, I have included an update concerning some of the current changes we have in place and the Parent FAQ document which was produced in the summer term that will address many of the queries you may have regarding the current guidance. I have also included an information letter concerning travelling to/from the Academy, this is a reminder concerning the safe arrival and departure of all our students.

- As per the current guidance from the Department of Education (DfE) a staggered start/departure will be in place for different year groups. The timings do apply to siblings
- Students may choose to wear masks throughout the Academy site but will be asked to remove them during lessons
- Access to some of the specialist facilities may be limited at this time. As soon as these areas can be used safely, we will notify the students
- Year groups will be in 'bubbles' and as such seven zones have been identified within the Academy. Each zone has toilet facilities
- All Year groups will have a specified access to the restaurant within the Academy day. To ensure students remain in year bubbles access to the restaurant may be earlier/later than normal. As such menu choices may be adjusted and students will be able to purchase a packed lunch for an alternative break period
- All students should have a water bottle and will have the opportunity to re fill this throughout the day
- Hand sanitiser will be available in each room and students will be constantly reminded of the importance hand hygiene
- If you have specific queries, please contact your son/daughters Academic Mentor in the first instance.

The presentations that we would have shared with you at the information event will be available on the Academy website, in the Parent/Carer Area, on Thursday 12th September.

As always, if you need to contact the academy please use the office@dittonparkacademy.co.uk email address or the contact us feature on our website.

Kind regards



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