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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your unfaltering support of Deyes High School during a time of exceptional circumstances in education and, I am sure, most of our families' lives. I know that throughout this time we have been working in partnership with you to prioritise our children and to enable them to continue to learn exceptionally well. Their commitment and positivity has been a credit to us all. We have certainly all acquired new skills in using technology which we must continue to develop as they will serve us well in the times to come.

We are delighted that in September we will be able to welcome all our Deyes High School students back, on a full time basis. The Department for Education made announcements and issued guidance last week regarding how this should be done and we are now working hard to implement the required measures to ensure that our school is safe and happy once again. We will continue the high standards of communication we all need to navigate the next phase together. The sense of "togetherness" that we have relied on during the last few months will be so important as we engage our students back into learning and enable them to move forward with even greater confidence.

With this letter comes a key information section at the bottom of this letter and a guidance booklet for your son/daughter. Both provide a comprehensive guide to returning to school in terms of how we will operate the school day, the ways we will keep our school safe for everyone and how we will all be able to learn alongside one another once again. We are taking every possible step to minimise the risk of infection alongside our Governors and the Lydiate Learning Trust. I hope that together we have put to rest some of your natural concerns and made a complex situation as clear as possible. Please could I ask that you take some time to read this carefully with your son or daughter as this will certainly help them to feel reassured and excited about being back at Deyes High School. I think you will find everything you need there but please don't hesitate to contact school with any queries you may still have or to make us aware of any issues. Similarly, we will continue to update you as necessary throughout the summer.

I, alongside 233 new Year 7 students, will be starting my journey as part of the Deyes High School family in September. I hope they are as excited as I am! Every member of our school community will receive the warmest of Deyes welcomes and our focus will be learning. If there are areas of knowledge our students feel less secure about or would like to revisit, this is what we will address. Alongside our superb, dedicated teachers, they will also begin new and exciting challenges across their curriculum. This is how we will ensure excellence in all we do: that our school is providing an excellent learning experience every day, for every single student.

In September I will let you know about our Autumn term events and how we can make these as special, informative and enjoyable as possible. I am looking forward to meeting you all so much and to seeing your sons and daughters, wearing their Deyes uniform with pride and smiling! In the meantime, I wish you a happy, safe and hopefully sunny break

With kind regards

Mrs Victoria L Beaney  
Head of School





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#### KEY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:-

**Year 7 and 12:** Return to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

**Year 8, 9, 10, 11 :** Return to school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Year 13 :** Return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

#### BEFORE WE RETURN

- Everyone is returning to school across the country in September and all students should aim for 100% attendance as they always done. It is equally important for students to attend school on time each day.
- There are important actions that you and your family can take to help prevent the spread of the virus. Students should not come to school if:
  - They have the virus
  - They are displaying any symptoms of the virus
  - anyone they live with, or have close contact with has or displays the symptoms of the virus
  - Clean hands more often than usual:
  - Wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap
  - Dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser
  - Ensure good hygiene:
  - Cough or sneeze into a tissue
  - Dispose of the tissue immediately (the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach)
  - Avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes with hands.
  - If possible students should avoid using public transport (buses and trains). They should walk or cycle to school if they can, or get a lift from parents/carers
  - Public Health England says that students **do not have to** wear a face covering in school. They do not think it is necessary. They also think that wearing a covering could have a negative effect on communication and therefore, their education.
  - The start and timings of the school day are different. The full details for each year group are in the attached guidance booklet for students.



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- There are no changes to the uniform rules. School will be asking students to wear formal shoes and knee length skirts. No casual shoes or trainers are allowed as these are not school uniform and students will be asked to change them. If wearing a skirt, please ensure that this is knee length. Coats should be a plain, dark colour. We ask that students don't wear socks or shoes with bows or other decoration such as logos. Please can long hair be tied back. Deyes High School blazers are compulsory at all times.
- Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual.
- We understand that students might feel nervous or anxious about returning to school. In these cases, parents/carers should contact the respective Head of year as soon as possible in order for the right support to be in place to help reassure everyone that it is safe and that we are going to make sure students are happy to be here! There will be staff on hand to help them feel reassured throughout the day for as long as this is needed. There will also be safe spaces for students to spend time in.

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## WHEN WE ARE BACK AT SCHOOL

- All students will all follow the new school year timetable and they will take part in the full curriculum.
- Each year group has been given a 'zone' of the school, in which the year office will also be.
- All students in the year group will remain in this zone for the whole of the school day, including form time.
- All lessons, break and lunchtime will be spent in the zone. Year groups will not mix at the moment.
- It will be different when we move around school. To travel to or from designated zones, we will ask students to use the new one way system.
- There are signs on walls, doors and arrows on the floor to help.

Students can either

- bring snacks for break time and a packed lunch from home
- or
- purchase a school packed lunch (grab bag)
- If they are bringing their own lunch, try to make it as healthy as possible.
- Remember that fizzy, energy or caffeine-based drinks are not allowed in school.





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- Grab bags will be delivered to classrooms at lunchtime as we won't be able to use the canteen for the time being.
- Lunches will be eaten in classrooms within zones. Students will then have time to go outside for some fresh air in zone social areas.
- Students should bring their own stationery to school every day. This should include: - pens, pencils, colours, ruler, eraser, pencil sharpener, glue stick, scissors, calculator, protractor etc. We will ask them to try to avoid sharing any equipment including drinking bottles. There will be some school equipment that they need to use. This will be done safely, and we will only do this when we really need to.
- It is even more important now, that everyone settles into their school work and has respect for everyone around them in our school community. Our priority is learning. That is why our normal expectations for good behaviour still apply.
- There is full guidance about what needs to happen if anyone displays symptoms of COVID-19. Your parents and carers will know what to do next and where to find the information they need. To help everyone we have put this on our website. If you need it please go to Menu/Covid-19 Updates/Covid-19 policy addendums/2019-20 Behaviour Policy Addendum.

PLEASE ALSO REFER TO THE ATTACHED GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS BOOKLET WHICH CONTAINS LOTS MORE USEFUL AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION.



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