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Dear parents/carers,

Head of School's Update - 28th September 2020

With four weeks of the half term already behind us we are now looking forward to week 5. Last week was full of successes as our Y10 student Lucy McKenzie released her first album "Waves", which can be heard on Spotify and our Y9 footballers who represent Sefton were praised by their coach as a credit to our school and a delight to work with. I am looking forward to seeing them play when the current restrictions are lifted. Thank you once again for your many welcoming comments last week and for the overwhelming support as we strive to make standards higher than ever. Our students are looking magnificent and are a true credit to Deyes – we are proud of them all. In the next few days, we will launch our new rewards framework which will enable us to recognise the many ways in which our students engage in learning in different areas and are empowered to succeed. We are of course operating in ever-changing and distinctly challenging circumstances at this time and I am very pleased that our partnership with your families is continuing to enable us to achieve the very best for your children. We will continue to work hard on this.

Looking Forwards to 2021

For those of you who, like me, have a child in Y6 it has probably come as something of a shock that the time to make our applications for secondary school has arrived already! To inform your decision and application for Deyes High School, our Virtual Open Evening videos and tours are now available through our website. Here you will find an unavoidable alternative to the normal open evening event, but it's one that we urge you to view as we're sure it will give both you and your son/daughter a broad and detailed introduction to our school and that you will be confident in putting your trust in us for the next part of your child's educational journey. If you would like to talk to me directly there will be an opportunity to register for a TEAMS TALK, which will give us the chance to meet virtually until I can meet with you face to face. I sincerely hope that time is coming soon.

Staying Safe – reminders

Sefton council have produced this guide to support you as parents if you have concerns about symptoms of COVID-19 and how this affects your child's education. The key symptoms referenced in all guidance are:

- high temperature this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If you believe your child has any of these symptoms, you should keep them at home and follow the guidance. <u>CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS</u>.

If any students become unwell with any of these symptoms, whilst at school, we will contact you to discuss our next steps. Other symptoms will not usually need your child to stay at home or be sent home.

Face coverings are now compulsory in all transitional and communal areas for all staff and students. This includes: – corridors, toilets, and lunchrooms. In addition, we strongly advise students to continue wearing face coverings when outside if they are close to others in a group. Please can you ensure that face masks are plain and without branding. Scarves, snoods and hoodies are not to be used in place of face masks. If there is a medical reason why your child cannot wear a face covering, please let us know via the school office.

I will be forwarding information about the new Covid-19 NHS App which has been made available to those who are 16 years and over. More details will be available shortly on our website.

Focus on Learning

Practical PE lessons are now in full swing so students should bring their PE kit on the days indicated by their timetable. Full details have been given to students in their first lessons if they were unsure.

Unfortunately, Y10 will be learning at home this week and until they return to us on 6.10.20. Full details have been sent to parents via email and are available on our website. The information explains how students can join live TEAMS lessons and access the other resources which will be used to enable them to continue with their full curriculum. Please continue to contact school if you have any problems accessing the lessons and resources as we can quickly set students on the right track.

School Lunches

If you need to order a school lunch for your child, please use the link on our website homepage to do so. We can then ensure that they receive the correct meal.

With kind regards

Mrs V Beaney Head of School