

Our Ref: JFM/JJ

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well. We are pleased to be able to lay out the next stage of our plans for your son/daughter to return to school in the new academic year. We have made some changes to the start date of term to enable a smooth transition for all students returning to the Academy. We have carefully planned the return to school as a staggered start with all year groups being housed in separate 'pods'. Expectations for our students in September will be very different and it is imperative that we alleviate any anxieties and concerns that students may have upon their return.

Sadly, we haven't been able to offer any form of transition to our incoming Year 7 students, therefore we are opening the academy to these students first to allow them to settle in. Thereafter we will open to the remaining students as outlined below:
(please note these are the new September year groups)

Thursday 3rd September – **Year 7 only**

Friday 4th September – **Year 7 and Year 10**

Monday 7th September – **All Academy Students**

Following on from our change to the school day – the Academy begins at 08.50am, therefore we ask you to ensure that your son/daughter arrives at approximately 08.35am in full school uniform. Due to the changes that Covid-19 has brought upon us and the recommendation that stationery and equipment should not be shared between students, it is essential that all students arrive at the Academy each day fully equipped for their learning. In addition to the basic stationery list (attached at the end of this letter) we ask that your son/daughter has a pack of 10 x colouring pencils and a scientific calculator (Casio RX-85) as we have to limit the amount of shared resources.

Please note all students will have a separate entrance, upon return to school. Regretfully, no parent or guardians are permitted onto the school site without a prior appointment and we ask that you do not drop your son or daughter immediately outside of the school, or accompany them to the school gates. There will be a queueing system in place on a daily basis and upon entry onto the school site students will be expected to wash their hands in our 'outdoor' wash stations. Thereafter frequent hand washing and the use of antibacterial cleanser will be mandatory following government guidelines.

We plan to accommodate separate year groups of students in certain areas of the school that will be bespoke to them and their needs for the whole of the first term. They will have their own entrance and exit and will be expected to remain in a

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designated 'pod' for all lessons. They will have provision and care made to maintain social distancing. Break times will be staggered to enable small numbers to have some fresh air, whilst lunchtimes will be based in the classroom. Due to the layout of our school the central hall and the dining hall cannot be used as a social area, therefore our lunchtime provision is currently under review. Please be assured that all students who currently use our canteen facilities will still be able to access them and further details will be sent to you during the course of the summer.

Whilst this may seem daunting, I assure you the Academy is doing everything in its power to mitigate risk. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and inform you of any changes. I suggest you continue to connect with us via Facebook – Dover Christ Church Academy - as we will use this to update parents throughout the summer break. Further details of individual year group arrangements will be sent via a letter.

In the meantime if you have any concerns or anxieties regarding the start of the term please contact us.

Yours faithfully



Mr MacLean
Principal

Equipment List:

Reusable water bottle

Pens – Black, Blue, Red, Green

Pencil

Ruler 15cm

Eraser

Sharpener

Highlighter

Colouring Pencils (minimum pack of 10)

Scientific Calculator (Casio RX-85)

Optional:

Glue Stick

Scissors