

Our ref: JFM/JC

4 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for the time you have all taken to respond to our survey and calls regarding the further opening of the school to year 10 and 12 students. I am writing to confirm the plans the academy has put in place, to detail what learning will look like inside the academy and how we intend to develop our digital offer to all students.

This week the academy has successfully reopened to a small group of our Aspen students. In line with governmental guidance we intend to open the academy for some 'face to face' time for year 10 and 12 students who have elected to return from 15 June. To ensure we are following the guidelines with no more than 25% of eligible students in school at any given time we have devised a rota system that we envisage will run for the next 5 weeks. The rota is as follows:

Day	Student group	Pod Name	Room	Access point
Monday 10am-2pm	Year 10	Pod A	1 st Floor F1 & F3	Stairwell A (Music)
Monday 10am-2pm	Year 10	Pod B	1 st Floor F19	Stairwell B (Library)
Monday 10am-2pm	Year 10	Pod C	1 st Floor F4 & F5	Central heart stairwell
Tuesday 10am-2pm	Year 12	Pod F	Humanities A2 & A3	A+ front door
Tuesday 10am-2pm	Year 12	Pod G	Humanities A1 & A4	A+ rear door
Wed & Thurs All Day	Aspen	Aspen 1	G1	Aspen playground
Wed & Thurs All Day	Aspen	Aspen 2	G2	Aspen playground
Friday 10am-2pm	Year 10	Pod D	Ground floor G13 & Library	Playground DT end
Friday 10am-2pm	Year 10	Pod E	Ground Floor G11 & G9	Playground near isolation

Students have been allocated to a pod and you will find the details of your son or daughter's pod at the bottom of the letter. Our pods have been chosen based on student option choices, to ensure that we can put the most appropriate subject specialist in front of them each time they are in school. To increase the protection for staff and students, pods are zoned in different areas of the school and students will not be able to interact with students from another pod, however, students will be able to interact with all other students present on that day at lunchtime, as long as they maintain social distancing.

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For students who have elected not to come to school, we will continue lessons using three separate models. Firstly, all students will continue with their virtual learning via Office 365, the resources continue to be updated and students should engage with teachers' emails and support via their school account. Secondly, we intend to set up some virtual lessons for students in year 10 and 12 via the Teams app. These will be teacher led sessions and teachers will invite students to attend. Mr Michael has been successfully trialling this with a group of students and we are now confident of its success. Thirdly, we intend to record 'live' staff guidance each Monday and Friday and publish it on the school YouTube channel (under Dover Christ Church Academy). We have decided to follow a range of models for year 10 and 12 as we are aware of the wide variation of devices available and internet connectivity through our student population. Students who attend school will have computer access throughout their time in school. We have purposely chosen to publish on YouTube as it uses limited bandwidth and is therefore accessible to the majority of our student population.

As you will be aware, the plans we are putting in place are, by nature, complex. Therefore, please note the following:

- Your son or daughter has been allocated to a pod. This correlates to the timetable above and it is vital that they only attend school during this time.
- If your son or daughter has been allocated to the virtual group, through conversation with you we have ascertained they will not be attending school. If this is not the case and you wish them to attend school **please contact us**, as groups have a health and safety capacity and they must be allocated to one before they can attend.
- Unfortunately, due to the above, students cannot choose their own group.
- For year 10 and 12, lessons are between 10am-2pm. This is to ensure that students using public transport are not travelling during rush hour. A bus timetable will be shared with you shortly.
- Lunch and water will be provided free of charge for all students attending school, unfortunately we cannot allow students to bring food into school from home.
- When entering the school site, students will enter through the playground as normal, they will be directed to their allocated pods.
- Any students who present with symptoms of Covid-19 must not attend school, please follow the guidance offered via NHS 111.
- Any students who present with symptoms whilst in school will be isolated from the school community and we will expect them to be collected as soon as possible.

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Whilst the detail above seems draconian and school will certainly not be 'normal' for staff or students, I assure you that we are hugely excited to be able to welcome some of our students back. We are aware that this will be an anxious time for us all but I want to reiterate that we have only our students' best interest at heart, therefore if you need further support please do not hesitate to contact us at any point.

Yours faithfully



Mr Jamie MacLean
Principal