



Da Vinci Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy



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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well. During these unprecedented times and as we move into the next phase of school opening, I would like to thank you for your much valued feedback. Students and parents have been overwhelmingly positive around the staff contact and support for our young people and you, their families.

As you are aware we are planning a phased reintroduction of Year 10 students at Da Vinci Academy in line with LEAD Trust and government guidance. At all times, our number one priority is the health and safety of our students and staff. We will continue to offer provision for the children of Keyworkers and others who require support as determined on an individual needs basis.

As we have demonstrated from the outset of COVID-19 lockdown, the safety of staff, students and the community will always be paramount in our planning. We have also done everything we can to ensure social distancing can be maintained and therefore the risk of any infection is minimised as best we can.

Measures that have been put in place to further support social distancing and student and staff safety include:

- The school day for your child remains 9-3
- Due to increasing numbers in school and in line with government guidelines the group has been split into two – they will have their own base and won't mix with others
- On arrival at school your child will need to line up at the safeguarding gate
- Tables to be spaced at a 2m distance and student numbers in classrooms will be limited
- Allocated routes for movement round school
- Students to continue to bring their own drinks and snacks to reduce risk of infection
- Hand sanitiser will be provided in classrooms and other key areas
- Allocated toilet facilities for different student groups
- 'Keep 2m distance' signage around the school - students must keep socially distanced at all times, including to and from school
- All doors to be kept open to ensure no unnecessary contact and handling
- All students will be provided with their own equipment pack to reduce the risk of infection



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The timetable in school will be as follows;

Time	Activity
9-9.15	Arrive and handwashing
9.15-9.45	Morning Reading
9.45-10.30	Work set on Go4Schools
10.30	Break in base
10.50 – 11.35	Activity 1 (determined by staff in school)
11.35 – 12.20	Work set on Go4Schools
12.20	Handwashing
12.30 – 1.00	Lunch – outside or in base
1 – 1.20	Newsround
1.20- 1.40	Lexia/TTRockstars/Hegarty
1.40- 2.30	Activity 2 (determined by staff in school)
2.30	Assembly or equivalent
2.50	Handwashing and home

It will still not be a requirement for students in school to wear their school uniform but should dress comfortably and appropriately for the weather and school setting. All students will be expected to follow our behaviour policy at all times. Any students demonstrating unsafe behaviour (e.g. transgressing social distancing expectations) will be sent home without reservation.

The government guidance makes clear that remote learning should continue to be the main focus of secondary education through the summer term. Remote learning will continue using our Go4schools system, our many online platforms and school work packs where needed; so that students who do not attend are not disadvantaged (providing they complete the work of course!). There are currently no plans for the majority of Years 7, 8 and 9 students to return to school during the summer term.

Please accept our very best wishes for the remainder of the summer term. We are working tirelessly to keep you informed and up to date as the national situation and government advice changes. We hope that you and your family are well and do please get in touch by phone or email if we can help in any way.

Stay safe and all good wishes to you and your loved ones.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Katie Roberts, Headteacher