



# The De Montfort School

UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL

23 February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted that following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday that we will be open to all students the week beginning 8 March and I wanted to provide you with some initial information. We are currently reviewing the details provided to schools to finalise initial planning.

## Specific details regarding the return of students

Next week we will write again with the specific plans for the return of students. This information will include the specific organisational procedures for the day. We will also include details of the changes to the arrangements whilst maintaining our COVID-19 secure approach. These will include:

- the students' entrance and exit to the school
- improved lunchtime arrangements
- access to specialist rooms around the school

## Testing

Secondary aged students will be tested three times at school during the initial phase of reopening. Following this initial testing, students will be provided with testing kits to complete two tests per week at home. We aim to complete the testing as soon as possible from Monday 8 March, with a plan to have all students in full-time lessons from Wednesday 10 March.

Year 6 students will not require a test before they return to school and therefore, we plan to start a full curriculum for Year 6 students from Monday 8 March.

Although testing in schools is not mandatory for students to return, it is strongly recommended and will protect all members of the school community. Later this week, we will provide more details on the specific plans for the initial testing of students. In the meantime, could I ask you to complete the consent form [here](#). If you have any issues accessing the form online, please get in contact with us and we will be able to organise a paper version to be sent to you. If you have any concerns about the testing process, please get in touch with the school.

## Facemasks

As detailed yesterday, during the initial phase of the school return, secondary aged students will be required to wear a face mask where social distancing cannot be maintained.

Students from Year 7 to 13 will need to wear facemasks in communal areas and classrooms; they will not need to wear a mask whilst they are eating or outside. Please contact the school if you feel your son/daughter is exempt from wearing a mask.

Year 6 students will not be required to wear facemasks in classrooms, however, they can choose to wear a facemask if they wish. We will require them to wear facemasks in communal areas.

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Where social distancing between students and staff in classrooms can be maintained, staff members may teach without the need for facemasks.

**Behaviour, uniform and mobile phones**

As I have previously detailed in earlier letters, when the students return, there will be some changes in our expectations for behaviour, uniform standards and the use of mobile phones.

On Friday this week, I will provide some specific information on the changes we have made; they are essential for making the most use of the school return. When students are back in school, we want to be able to focus on learning without distractions. During the online tutor sessions next week, I will also be explaining the changes to students. I am sure that you will support the drive for an improvement in behaviour in lessons which will benefit all students.

We are committed to our students having high uniform standards. However, we also recognise that several of our families will also be facing financial worries. We are ready to help and if you have any concerns about meeting the uniform standards, please get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Weston', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stuart Weston  
Associate Headteacher



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