



The De Montfort School

UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL

5 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

All members of staff are looking forward to having all the students back in school next week. In preparation for their return, I wanted to provide you with some specific information about the daily arrangements.

Most of the plans that we had in place for the September opening will remain in place, to make the return to school as safe as possible. Students will remain in year group bubbles in specific zones around the school.

Start of the school day

To make the start of the school day easier for all students we will be open from 8.40am for all students. When they arrive at school, students will be able to go to an outside waiting area before the school day starts at 9.00am. The student entrances remain the same:

- Year 6: Bus bay entrance
- Year 7: Small hall entrance
- Year 8: Lower gate entrance
- Year 9: Bus bay entrance
- Year 10: Emergency gate entrance
- Year 11: Lower gate entrance
- Sixth form: Main reception

The arrangements for the end of the school day have remained unchanged.

Lunch arrangements

We have introduced a staggered lunchtime; this will mean that the students have more space during their break as we will have less students having lunch at the same time. By introducing the staggered lunch arrangements, we will also be able to serve hot food to all of the students and there will be no need to preorder. The lunchtimes for each year group are listed below:

- **Year 6 & 7:** 11.40am – 12.10pm (there will be an additional break later in the day for these students)
- **Year 8 & 10:** 12.20pm – 12.50pm
- **Year 9 & 11:** 1.00pm – 1.30pm

Facemasks

Following government advice, students in Years 7 to 13 should wear facemasks in classrooms and communal areas. They will not be required to wear facemasks when they are having lunch or in the outside spaces. Students in Year 6 are not required to wear facemasks in classrooms, however, they do have the option to wear them if they choose. Year 6 students will continue to wear facemasks in communal areas such as corridors. If you feel your son/daughter

is exempt from wearing a facemask please let us know by emailing the school at office@tdms.worc.sch.uk .

PE Kit

Students in Years 6-10 should wear their PE kit on the days that they have PE, for **Year 11 and 8 students we have arranged for them to have an area to get changed in for the first week. They should arrive at school in their normal uniform and get changed during the day.**

Equipment

As previously, we ask that students have their own hand sanitiser and equipment such as a pen, pencil and ruler.

As a reminder I have summarised the opening arrangements below

- **Monday 8 March:** Testing for students in Years 10 and 11, start of school for Year 6 and Sixth Form students.
- **Tuesday 9 March:** Testing for students in Years 7 to 9, start of school for Years 10 and 11
- **Wednesday 10 March:** School fully open for all year groups

I hope that you and your family have a relaxing weekend and all of our students are ready for the return next week.

Yours sincerely,

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

Stuart Weston