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Dear parent/carer

I hope that you and your family have had an enjoyable Summer and that your child is looking forward to returning to school after the Summer break.

Over the last few weeks we have spent some time planning the start to the new academic year and the staff are really looking forward to welcoming all students back on Monday 6th September. I am writing to you at this stage to inform you of the arrangements we have made for students to return to school.

Friday 3rd September

Year 7 only in school (timings below).

Monday 6th September

On Monday, all students should arrive in school according to the entrances and times detailed below. We ask that all students log onto the Epraise App before Monday morning in order to check what lesson they have at the beginning of the school day. They will then be required to line up with their teacher ready for lesson 1.

Start times and entrances

In order to ensure safe and orderly entrance and exit to and from school, we have decided to continue the staggered start to school and the different ways in and out of school for different year groups.

Year 7

Entry by: Main School Entrance

Arrival window: 8:30-8:40am

Home time: 2:55pm

Year 8

Entry by: Back Gate Entrance (Pennine Avenue)

Arrival window: 8:30 - 8:40am

Home time: 2:55pm

Year 9

Entry by: Entrance Gate between MUGA and tennis courts

Arrival window: 8:30 - 8:40am

Home time: 2:55pm

Year 10

Entry by: Entrance Gate between MUGA and tennis courts

Arrival window: 8:45 - 8:55am

Home time: 3:15pm

Year 11

Entry by: Main School Entrance

Arrival window 8:45-8.55am

Home time: 3:15pm

Students must arrive within their allocated time slot and via the entrance for their year group. They will also leave by the same entrance daily.

Face coverings and sanitising

In line with Government guidance, from the beginning of this term we have decided to make face coverings optional for students and staff, both in classrooms and around school. This means that your child may choose to continue wearing face coverings but this is no longer mandatory. We do ask, however, that if your child does choose to wear a face covering, it should be worn correctly and placed in a plastic bag when not in use.

We are going to insist on students sanitising their hands as they enter classrooms and we will continue to ensure that all classrooms are adequately ventilated during lessons. We hope that these measures will go some way to protect students and staff from the possibility of catching Covid-19.

We will require students to remove outside coats when they enter classrooms but we will review this requirement if classroom temperatures fall below a comfortable level

Breaks and lunch times

We are really pleased to be able to offer all students an indoor space at breaks and lunchtimes this year and also the opportunity for them to purchase hot food at these times. We have managed to do this by staggering the times each year group has their breaktime and lunchtime. This will give students a better experience at these times, especially during periods of inclement weather. Please ensure you add money to their online account – no cash will be accepted in school.

Tutors

Tutor periods will continue as they were last year with Years 7-9 having a Tutor Period in the morning and Years 10 and 11 having a Tutor Period at the beginning of the last lesson of the day. Although these sessions will be delivered by the class teachers, your child will also be allocated a named Tutor who will be their first port of call if they have any concerns. The named Tutor will also be one of your child's subject teachers so they will see them several times during the week. You will be informed of your child's named Tutor within the next week and if you have any concerns, you can contact this member of staff or your child's Pastoral Support Manager or Head of Year.

End of the school day

Should your child need to be detained for any reason, this will take place on the same day and it will only be possible to give short notice of this. We hope that students will follow all the rules and comply, but should they not, or if they are late for school, they will be detained after school and parents informed via the MyEd App.

I hope that the information contained in this letter answers any question you may have about the requirements at the start of term but should you have any questions or concerns you can email me at head@lealands.luton.sch.uk or speak to a member of staff by phoning the school.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and we really look forward to the start of a new academic year.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Burridge
Headteacher



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