



LYDIARD PARK ACADEMY

27th August 2020

Dear Parent

With a week to go until we welcome pupils back to school I wanted to remind you about the timings for the school day and also address the issue of face masks with the Government guidance changing this week.

Timings of the School Day

Please note that on Thursday 3rd September it is just Year 7 pupils in school and they should arrive at 8.40am and depart at 3.00pm.

From Friday 4th September

Year 7 arrive 8.20am, depart 2.30pm

Year 8 arrive 8.30am, depart 2.40pm

Year 9 arrive 8.40am, depart 2.50pm

Year 10 arrive 8.50am, depart 3.00pm

Year 11 arrive 9.00am, depart 3.10pm

Sixth form arrive 8.40am, depart 3.00pm (Year 13 are not due back until Monday 7th September)

When pupils arrive, they will be directed by staff to their venue. These are:

Year 7 - Large atrium (on the first day they will use the New Sports Hall). This will be fogged at the end of the day ready for Year 8 the following day.

Year 8 - New Sports Hall

Year 9 - Old Sports Hall

Year 10 - Drama Theatre

Year 11 - Small Atrium

Sixth Form – Sixth Form Common Rooms

There will be a high staff presence to direct pupils and there is also very clear signage around the school.

Face Masks

The DFE has recently revised its position on the wearing of face masks by children and staff in secondary schools. The guidance remains advisory and therefore unless there is a local directive for all children and staff to wear a mask, the following guidance applies:

- The wearing of a face mask is optional on the way to and from school (unless using the school bus/public transport where it is compulsory), in communal areas and in circulation around the school building.
- If a child opts to wear a mask it must be a plain disposable or plain washable mask.
- A small plastic bag should be brought to school to keep the mask in when in class.
- Disposable masks need to be disposed of at home.
- A child can only wear a mask in class if specific prior agreement is made with the school.
- If a member of staff opts to wear a mask in class it will be a clear visor to enable teaching.



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Uniform, equipment and books

All pupils will need to wear full school uniform.

All pupils should bring their own equipment which includes:

Pencil case

Green pens

Black pens

Pencil and rubber

Coloured pencils

Highlighters

Ruler, protractor, compass

Scissors

Glue stick

Calculator

Reading books

Hand gel

The last thing I would like to stress is that pupils who have Coronavirus symptoms should not come to school and a test should be arranged as soon as possible and immediately advise the school of the result.

The whole staff are really looking forward to seeing the pupils next week and I'm sure everyone will welcome the return to a more normal routine.

I hope you enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.

Kind regards

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