



Louth Academy



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Dear Parent/Carer

Additional information regarding for the Re-Opening of Louth Academy for all Pupils in September 2020:

I would like to follow up on the letter you have hopefully seen on the Louth Academy website regarding arrangements for reopening in September 2020.

Here at the Academy, we will continue to follow government guidance and do everything we can to ensure the safety of the staff and students at Louth Academy. In accordance with this there are some pieces of additional information for your attention.

Face coverings:

The wearing of Face coverings in the communal areas of the Academy will not be a mandatory requirement unless we are subject to local lockdown measures. In this event we will communicate changes in requirements at the earliest possible stage. However, if students wish to wear Face coverings in communal areas on the Academy sites they are welcome to do so, whilst ensuring they follow the correct procedure of safely removing masks as outlined in the latest government guidance which states that:

'Safe wearing of face coverings requires cleaning of hands before and after touching – including to remove or put them on – and the safe storage of them in individual, sealable plastic bags between use. Where a face covering becomes damp, it should not be worn and the face covering should be replaced carefully.'

Pupils must be instructed not to touch the front of their face covering during use or when removing it and they must dispose of temporary face coverings in a 'black bag' waste bin (not recycling bin) or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag they can take home with them, and then wash their hands again before heading to their classroom.'

Uniform:

Students are required to wear their normal uniform in September in line with the latest government guidance. Can I remind parents to check our website for the uniform policy, with particular regard to purchasing suitable full-length trousers that are tailored, not tight fitting or cropped.



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Attendance:

Government guidelines have made it clear that all pupils are expected to return in September 2020. Our normal attendance procedures will be in place to support good attendance, including the use of our Education Welfare Officer, but please be aware of the following government advice:

'Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit, provide details of anyone they or their child have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or if anyone in their household develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.'

Please can we ask parents/carers to inform us immediately of the results of a test and follow the latest government guidance:

'If someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.

If someone tests positive, they should follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.'



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Thank you in advance for your support. We are committed to achieving the very best for Louth Academy and we are all determined to ensure that, while staff and students continue to experience a difficult period in relation to Covid-19, every child is given the support, guidance and opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Please continue to check our website for any further updates.

Yours faithfully

Mr P C Dickinson
Principal