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Dear Parent/Carer

**Plans for Re-Opening 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 introducing myself as the new Principal of the Academy. It will be my pleasure to continue the excellent work undertaken by Martin Brown and his team from September 2020.

Following the most recent government guidance, outlining that all pupils must return in September 2020, I wanted to inform you of our plans to reintegrate all students into the Academy and some adjustments to Academy routines. We have examined all of the government guidance on the full opening of schools from September and have worked with our health and safety consultants to ensure the safety of students and staff at the Academy.

**Student Safety:**

Social distancing will be in place, as far as possible. The government has made it clear that pupils should remain in year group bubbles. This means that year groups will be kept separate from each other with their own playground area and toilets. This will result in some amendments to the Academy timetable and routines. We expect all students to comply with our arrangements, especially at break and lunchtime. Normal behaviour sanctions will be implemented for students who fail to follow all safety instructions. Full guidance will be given to all students when they return in September. The full curriculum will remain in place. It is essential that all students provide their own basic equipment as it will not be possible to borrow pens, pencils, ruler, calculator etc.

**Phased Reopening:**

Due to the unique circumstances and the fact that many pupils have not attended since the end of March 2020, we will be introducing a slightly staggered start to the new term. We feel that this is important to allow a smooth transition to new school sites for Year 7 and Year 9 students, alongside helping all students to adjust to new procedures.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Year Groups on Each Site:</b>
Wednesday 2 September 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only Year 7 students to attend the Lower Campus;</li> <li>• Only Year 9 students to attend the Upper Campus;</li> </ul> <p><b>Years 8, 10 and 11 are not to attend on Wednesday 2 September</b></p>

**All children should attend from Thursday 3 September 2020.**



**Start and Finish Times:**

In order to help the separation of year groups, we would be grateful if students could arrive on site at the times listed below and using the entrance indicated. Obviously for students arriving by bus this will not be possible – they will be directed to a location upon arrival by staff. Students on the upper site will have slightly staggered finish times to support students remaining in year bubbles.

<i>Year Group:</i>	<i>Entrance and Exit Point:</i>	<i>Arrival Time:</i>	<i>Departure Time:</i>
Year 7	North Holme Road	8.45am	3.15pm
Year 8	High Holme Road	8.45am	3.15pm
Year 9	Student Entrance	8.45am	3.05pm
Year 10	Student Entrance	8.55am	3.10pm
Year 11	Main Reception	9.05am	3.15pm

**Buses:**

Where students use a bus to travel to and from Louth Academy, we would ask that where possible they sit only with members of their own year group.

**Break and Lunchtime:**

Our catering supplier, Aspens, will be running a food service at break and lunchtime. In order to comply with year bubbles and cleaning routines, there will be different arrangements in place i.e. sittings for year groups. It would be helpful if parents can top up their child’s ParentPay account to limit the use of the revaluation machine at the Academy.

**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.

**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.

**Pastoral Support:**

Pastoral staff will be available to offer support and guidance to students and parents. If you would like any further support, then please ring the Academy and we will arrange for a Pastoral Manager to call you.



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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.

I wish all students and parents a safe and restful summer break and I look forward to working with you all from September.

Yours faithfully

Mr P C Dickinson  
Principal

