



Our Ref: PCD/KC

18 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Yesterday, the Government instructed schools to arrange a phased return after Christmas to prepare for whole school Coronavirus testing in January. This means that only Year 11 will attend school in the first week from Monday 4 January 2021. All other year groups are to remain at home.

Students in Year 11 will return to school on Monday 4 January 2021 at their usual start time of 8:50.

All other year groups 7, 8, 9 and 10 will receive on-line remote lessons via Microsoft Teams. Students will be required to log in to their account and will receive lessons for their current subjects studied. Students will be invited to their lessons as live events through their year group team. A guide to Microsoft Office and Teams is available on the Louth Academy website.

If students do not have access to a device to link to the internet please contact the Academy via email at enquiries@louthacademy.co.uk. Please title your email 'Internet Access'.

If your child is eligible for free school meals and you would like to take advantage of a food parcel please let us know via email to enquiries@louthacademy.co.uk by **Tuesday 22 December 2020**, please title your email 'FSM'. The food parcels will be available to collect on **Tuesday 5 January 2021 from the Upper site.**

All students in Years 7 to 11 will return to school on Monday 11 January 2021 in line with the current staggered start and finish times.

As in the lockdown earlier in the year, the Academy will make provision for vulnerable students and children of key workers. These students will engage in the online lessons being provided and remote learning in one of our classrooms. If you consider that your child is eligible please email enquiries@louthacademy.co.uk by **Tuesday 22 December 2020** to ensure we can consider your request, please title your email 'key workers'. Please include details of the reason you are requesting provision.

Vulnerable and key worker's students in Years 7 and 8 will attend the Lower site as normal, using their usual entrances, they will then be directed to their classroom. Students will need to arrive at their normal time and must bring a packed lunch as no canteen service will be available.

Vulnerable and key worker's students in Years 9 and 10 will attend the Upper site as normal, using their usual entrances, they will then be directed to their classroom. Students will need to arrive at their normal time. There will be a canteen service available at upper site only.



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The purpose of the delayed return is to prepare for whole school testing to help identify those who are carrying the virus without displaying symptoms, therefore reducing the risk of transmission. We will offer testing to as many staff and students as possible from the first week of term. This will be done with lateral flow device tests. If a student's first test is positive the student will be sent home, they should immediately self-isolate and are required to have this positive test confirmed with a standard polymerase chain reaction test (normal Covid test). We will endeavour to inform parents as soon as possible following a positive result. If the student's test is negative they will be tested again three days later.

Testing is voluntary but those eligible for tests are strongly encouraged to participate to reduce the transmission rates, both in school and the local community.

Students will be offered daily testing if they are identified as a close contact of a positive case, to remove the need to isolate, and continue to benefit from face to face teaching. Close contacts who decide not to be tested will be required to self-isolate in line with current guidance.

All parents/carers are asked to complete and submit the consent form for testing on our website which will be available from Monday 21 December 2020.

Thank you for your continued support at this challenging time.

Yours faithfully

Mr P C Dickinson
Principal