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Dear Parent/Carer

As the first half term draws to a close, I thought it would be a good opportunity to update our parents and carers regarding the current picture here at Louth Academy.

Covid-19 Coronavirus Update

All procedures that have previously been published are still in force in the Academy, with year group 'bubbles' in place and regular routines for washing and sanitising hands. I would ask that parents/carers continue to emphasise to your children the importance of following the procedures and maintain as much distance from others wherever possible, in the hope that we can continue to keep all staff and students safe.

Now the routines are established and working well, I am pleased to be able to move the start time for Year 11 students back to 8:50am. This will give us some additional opportunities for catch up work to be done with these students during the tutor session.

From Monday 2 November 2020, the start times will therefore be as follows:

Year 7	8:50am - Main Academy Entrance – North Holme Road
Year 8	8:50am - High Holme Road Entrance
Year 9	8:45am - Main Student Entrance
Year 10	8:55am - Main Student Entrance
Year 11	8:50am - Enter through Academy Reception

The timings for the end of day will remain the same as during the first half term.

Louth Academy Attendance

Following a most unusual start to the year, I am pleased to be able to say that student attendance levels at the Academy have been very good. This is very pleasing, especially considering the difficult and ever-changing circumstances in which we are operating. I would like to thank parents and carers for their commitment to their children's attendance, which, as we know has a direct impact on their achievement. Although attendance has been good, we are still experiencing a small number of issues in the reporting of student absence to the Academy. Please remember that parents/carers must notify the Academy on each day of any absence – for example, if their child is unable to attend due to ill health – by 8:55am or as soon as practically possible by telephoning the Academy Attendance team or through the My Ed app.

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My Ed – Academy Communication App

I am pleased to report that a large number of parents have downloaded the My Ed app and are successfully using this to access information about their children. The app also includes a message service, which will make it much easier for us to inform you about events and important news items on a more regular basis.

Please note, the app is free and it is easy to set up and use. The process is as follows:

- Go to the app store on your mobile phone.
- Search for 'My Ed' and then download the app.
- You will be asked to select a school; enter Louth Academy.
- You will be asked to provide your mobile number and email address. **Please note, to ensure you are able to access your child's information, your mobile number must be the number we hold on our computer system. If it is not the same, it will not work.**
- Once you have entered these details, you will be sent an activation code to your mobile phone which you will then have to enter into the app; this is for your own security.
- Please note, you will be able to access most of the app straight away. However, it will take 24 hours for you to access unique details, for example, attendance.
- Once you have access, you will be able to explore the various tabs. We will add to the tabs throughout the year to provide you with additional information.

Uniform

I was pleased to welcome our new Year 7 students to the Academy in September and it was a great pleasure to see the students from years 8 to 11 return to the Academy full time. The vast majority are smartly dressed in the correct uniform and my Pastoral staff will be liaising with parents/carers to address the small number of non-compliant students. Please can I direct parents to the Academy website for detailed information on the uniform requirements, particularly with reference to trousers, which need to be tailored, not tightly fitted and full length ie not cropped at the ankle.

Bus Transport reminder

It is expected that all secondary students using school transport, of any sort, will wear a mask to and from school unless there is a medical reason for not doing so. This must be for the duration of the journey and the bus companies reserve the right to refuse travel to any student who does not follow the strict protocols.



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Covid-19 Safety

Please can I thank you all for your understanding and continued support this term. It has been fantastic to welcome back all students on a full-time basis at Louth Academy and this would not have been possible without positive parental/carer engagement. Please continue to encourage students under your care to follow the full range of government guidelines over the half term period. Following government guidance will be crucial in preserving the health of all the students and yourselves and will help in enabling the Academy to remain open. We have strict protocols in place within the Academy to protect the students and staff, but it is essential that during the half term holiday, students continue to socially distance, follow the rule of six, frequently wash or sanitise hands and wear face coverings where appropriate. If you can support in helping us to send this message to the students, I am sure that this will have a big impact on keeping the school fully open during this very difficult period.

Please have an enjoyable half term break and continue to stay safe.

Yours faithfully

Mr P C Dickinson
Principal

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