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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Parental Update

It feels like a very long time since schools were able to open for all students but we are now approaching a time where The City of Leicester College is able to offer a full provision for your children. I know that a number of you, particularly with the extended local lockdown, will feel anxious about sending your children into school and understandably so. We are very excited about opening again, but are taking safety extremely seriously to minimise the chance of spreading infection and more detailed information will be coming out to you in the coming weeks about our plans.

I wanted to contact you now to make you aware of some of our plans and update you on some support available to you. Our Covid-19 page can still be found on our website using the following link that will be updated with reopening information:

<http://www.cityleicester.co.uk/covid-19/> .

The City Council have been working hard over the holiday to set up a website that aims to answer the general questions that parents may have and I am forwarding a letter from Councillor Cutkelvin that outlines where this information can be found. I would recommend spending some time looking at the website link found in this letter.

In my last letter in July, I outlined the dates that your child(ren) should begin attending school and I am sharing these again with you as a reminder:

- Tuesday 1st September:** Years 7 and Year 11.
- Wednesday 2nd September:** Years 7, 8 and 11.
- Thursday 3rd September:** Years 7-11 and Year 13.
- Friday 4th September:** Years 7-11 and Year 13.
- Monday 7th September:** All year groups.

To keep students safe we have installed more hand washing stations, hand sanitiser dispensers and adjusted our timetable to reduce contact between year groups. Years 7-11 will each have their own areas of the school for their lessons and only leave this area for a very small number of lessons (e.g. PE) to minimise movement around the school. While all students in each year group will move around in order to offer the full curriculum, they will not share a room with other year groups. Breaks and lunches have been staggered also to ensure that each year group is apart during social times. You can see our updated timetable on the next page:

Years 7, 9 and 11		Years 8, 10 and 12		Year 13	
Am Registration	08:30	Am Registration	Year 8/10: 08:30 Year 12: 08:45	Am Registration	08:45
Period 1	09:00	Period 1	09:00	Period 1	09:00
Break Time	10:00	Period 2	10:00	Break Time	10:00
Period 2	10:25	Break Time	11:00	Period 2	10:25
Period 3	11:25	Period 3	11:25	Period 3	11:25
Lunch Time	12:25	Period 4	12:25	Period 4	12:25
Period 4	13:10	Lunch Time	13:25	Lunch Time	13:25
Period 5	14:10	Period 5	14:10 (Y12 remote)	Period 5	14:10 (remote)
End of Day	15:10	End of Day	15:10	End of Day	15:10

Additionally we will be using all three entrances to the building in order to minimise congestion in the morning and again, more information will be with you about all this in the coming weeks. When students arrive in the morning, it is important that they do not use public transport wherever necessary and if they are to be dropped off, they are dropped off away from the front of the school to reduce congestion and maintain social distancing. Parents/Carers will not be allowed to drop students off in the car park as they are not allowed on site.

A reminder also about uniform, it is our expectation that all students will return in full school uniform after the summer and this is available from Uniform Direct (www.uniform-direct.com). Two slight changes to our uniform expectation this year though are that students should come to school wearing their PE kit on days that they have PE lessons. This is to reduce the number of students using our changing rooms. It would be sensible for students to bring roll on deodorant and a spare top if they feel they will need it for hygiene purposes.

Students will also be allowed to wear a **face covering** as long as it is **plain** and loops over the ears. The government guidance is that students do not need to wear face coverings, so if it is felt that the covering is inappropriate, being misused or is a hygiene risk, students may be told to remove them.

Yours sincerely



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