Denton COMMUNITY COLLEGE

RE: Arrangements for the week beginning Wednesday 2nd September 2020.

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well at this time.

I am sure you will agree that the return of students to school to continue their education alongside their peers and in front of their teachers is long overdue. We must however ensure this process is not only safe but recognises the anxieties our young people will face in returning to school and provide them with the necessary support to ensure this is a successful transition.

I can now confirm that the arrangements we proposed in July will be those we will adopt to phase the return of our students during the **first week of September**. The details for each year group are set out below.

Year 7	
Wednesday 2 nd September (8.40am to 2.50pm)	Industion Day
Thursday 3 rd September (8.40am to 2.50pm)	Induction Day

Year 7 will undertake two induction days. As part of their induction, they will receive an orientation tour of the school as well as an introduction to our systems, procedures and expectations. Students will also engage in a number of taster lessons delivered by their subject teachers. On the first induction day, there will be no other students in the building so our focus will be very much on Year 7. This year students will receive additional learning materials to complete at home on Friday 4th September.

Year 7 students are required to report for Induction Day at the main reception before 8.40am on Wednesday 3rd September. Members of staff will be available outside the main entrance to help guide students into the building. Due to social distancing measures, we ask that parents/carers do not accompany students onto the school grounds at the beginning or end of the school day. Traffic is usually very busy on the first day and we find that using the Crown Point North shopping centre is a much safer dropping off and meeting point. Please note that if your child is using the Crown Point Entrance (between Game and H&M) this will be locked at 8.45am and any late arrivals will need to enter via Taylor Lane. The end of the school day will be the usual time of 2.50pm. Students are free to leave college via Taylor Lane or Crown Point entrances. Further details regarding food and uniform for induction day will be emailed home next week.

All other year groups (Years 8 to 11) will return for a half-day re-engagement session during this first week. The times and dates of these sessions are set out below.

Year 8		
Re-engagement Session		
Friday 4 th September		
AM (9.00am to 11.30am)	PM (12.00pm to 2.30pm)	
<u>A Half</u>	<u>B Half</u>	
Adlington, Bussell, Coe, Dench, Halle & Holmes	Lennon, Lowry, McKellen, Redgrave Thompson & Williams	

Year 9		
Re-engagement Session		
Thursday 3 rd September		
AM (9.00am to 11.30am)	PM (12.00pm to 2.30pm)	
<u>A Half</u>	<u>B Half</u>	
Adlington, Bussell, Coe, Dench & Holmes	Lennon, Lowry, McKellen, Redgrave & Thompson	

Year 10		
Re-engagement Session		
Thursday 3 rd September		
AM (9.00am to 11.30am)	PM (12.00pm to 2.30pm)	
<u>A Half</u>	<u>B Half</u>	
Adlington, Bussell, Coe, Dench, Halle & Holmes	Lennon, Lowry, McKellen, Redgrave Thompson & Williams	

Year 11		
Re-engagement Session Friday 4 th September		
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AM (9.00am to 11.30am)	PM (12.00pm to 2.30pm)	
<u>A Half</u>	<u>B Half</u>	
Adlington, Bussell, Coe, Dench & McKellen	Holmes, Lennon, Lowry, Redgrave & Thompson	

During the re-engagement sessions, students will have the opportunity to re-familiarise themselves within the educational setting and with their peers. They will be given their new timetables and will receive induction into our new systems and procedures implemented to ensure their safety and that of others within the building. They will learn how they will move around the building, our expectations regarding social distancing and how their school day has been modified to accommodate this. Students will also receive a tutorial from English and mathematics staff to begin that learning process.

Students will be provided with online materials and tasks to support learning through Google Classroom for completion at home during the first week.

Please note:

When students from year groups 8 - 11 arrive for their re-engagement sessions, they should enter the school grounds through the gates by the main entrance accessed from Taylor Lane. During the first week only, there will be no access for students in Years 8 to 11 via the Crown Point North entrance.

Upon arrival, students should make their way onto the schoolyard and wait outside their homebase entrance. Here they will be met by members of staff and escorted to their classrooms.

Expectations regarding uniform, behaviour and accessing the college will be emailed home prior to the start of term.

Whilst these arrangements cover the first week back it is our aim that all students will return on Monday 7th September. We are currently finalising our curriculum for the next term to ensure that it remains broad, balanced and engaging for all students. To deliver this commitment our day-to-day offer may look a little different from previous years to ensure year group bubbles are maintained and our learning environment remains as safe as possible for students and staff. I will be writing to you again to confirm our new curriculum and outline how this will look next week.

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming all our students back and meeting our new Year 7 students for the first time. For those of us who have been in the building during lockdown it has become very clear that a school is just a building without its students.

Many thanks for your continued support in the education of our young people.

Greg Rule Headteacher