



FAO: Parents & Carers

RE: Students Return to School

Dear Parents & Carers

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

I am writing to confirm arrangements for the return of students to Denton Community College next week. As you are aware, we are phasing the return of students to the classroom based upon their year group on the following dates:

- Year 7 on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**
- Year 8 on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**
- Year 9 on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March**
- Year 10 on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**
- Year 11 on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Our primary focus is always the wellbeing of our students and staff, the plans we are implementing to return our young people to the classroom aim to ensure any further disruption to learning is minimised.

To safeguard our young people and all stakeholders of the College we have reviewed and updated our expectations of students, which were set out before their return in **September 2020**. These expectations can be found on our website via this [link](#). We ask that you read these expectations with your child so that they are clear about the standards we are setting.

On the morning your child returns to school, we ask they arrive at school no later than 8.30am and wait in the school yard outside their Homebase. Their Head of Year will then ask students to line up in forms, ensuring they maintain social distancing at all times. Their teacher for Period 1 will collect the students from the yard and will escort them to the classroom. Our expectations will be shared with students again by the class teacher before the start of the lesson.

If you have consented to a lateral flow test for your child, they will receive an appointment card during Period 1 upon their return. The card will have their allocated time slot, which must be shared with their class teacher at the start of the lesson that coincides with the appointment. All students out of lessons will be challenged, so students must have their appointment card with them when moving through the school building to the test centre in our Sports Hall.

The strain of Corona Virus that is now prevalent in the local area is 70% more transmissible than the earlier variant and at the time of writing Tameside has the 18<sup>th</sup> highest rate of infection in the country. We are therefore taking the advice of Public Health Tameside and the government who state that where social distancing is not possible, it is '**strongly recommended**' that face coverings should be worn at all times when in the building. This includes areas such as the classroom, communal areas and when moving around the school, unless there is a recognised medical condition. These conditions could include medically recognised physical impairment or disability, illness or mental health difficulties. If students have a medical reason for not wearing a mask, please contact their form tutor

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or head of year as soon as possible. It is therefore our expectation that students adhere to this advice at all times to help protect their peers, our staff and loved ones at home.

Finally, I would like to say to our students how impressed we have been with your attitude and engagement during lockdown. The staff at Denton Community College are so excited to welcome you back to the classroom where you all belong. Whilst you may be anxious and uncertain about your return, everything will be fine. All we ask is that you continue to 'Be DCC'

- Diligent
- Considerate
- Courteous.

To our parents and carers once again I would like to thank you for your continued support in the education of the young people of Denton & Tameside.

Yours sincerely



Greg Rule  
Headteacher