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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are well. Please find the updates for our newsletter this week with some reminders regarding Covid-19 attached to the back.

Bus expectations

As our students continue to follow our expectations of regular, robust hand and respiratory hygiene within school, we are requesting that extra measures are always followed by our students when travelling by bus to ensure the health and safety of all is maintained.

With regard to the school bus services themselves, they can load to full capacity and social distancing is not required. Our main provider Globe, has windows which open and hand sanitiser for students use (all students have been given their own) and every classroom also has a sanitising station outside.

We have spoken with students travelling on buses this morning and given them an information leaflet which asks them to;

- Always wear their face covering whilst on the bus
- Sit next to students of the same year groups
- Clean their hands before getting on the bus
- Sit in ascending year groups – front to back, with Year 7 at the front to Year 11 at the back
- Queue sensibly, get onto the bus sensibly and always keep some space between the next student

On arrival at the school bus bays, students must;

- Stay in their seat until a member of SLT boards the bus
- Once dismissed from the front, move sensibly, always keeping space between the next student
- Clean their hands when leaving the bus
- Keep their face covering on until they get off the bus

Next week to ensure the safety of our students (and following parental suggestions) we will continue to support the movement of traffic within the car park. I thank you for your patience whilst waiting to pick up and drop off students.

Parent Pay - Face coverings and ties

As you are aware we have provided each student with three face coverings; each year group has its own colour. If your child has lost these you can purchase one from school at a cost of £1.60, which can be bought by ParentPay. Ties can also be bought using parent Pay. Please contact finance@dartonacademy.org.uk if you have any queries.

Enrichment

Many thanks again for all your support whilst we embed new routines to ensure the health and safety of everyone. I am delighted to inform you we have had enrichment with Year 11 this week with over 90% of our students attending. We are currently planning how we can extend this into other year groups and hope to have our programme out to you at the start of October.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us at info@dartonacademy.org.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'E Briggs'.

Elaine Briggs

Principal

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

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