

16 October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all well, although you may be feeling frustrated at the additional control measures recently put in place in the county.

### **New entry to school**

As the temperatures are dropping from Monday we are adopting the wet weather procedures for students to enter school in a morning. Students will be allowed on site from 8:10am.

- Y7 and Y11 will make their way straight to their classrooms
- Y8 will gather in the Sports Hall
- Y9 in the Atrium and Lecture Theatre
- Y10 in the Atrium.

We are currently sourcing a fleece type jacket which will be provided free of charge to all students. More information regarding this will follow next week.

### **New student planner**

Your child should have come home today with a new school planner which has the correct dates in the diary section. Can we please draw your attention to the specific pages below which require some actions:

- Page 28 - Home School Agreement (requires Parent/Carer and Student signature)
- Page 45 - Consent for Enrichment Activities (requires Parent/Carer signature)
- Pages 46-48 - Photograph and Video Consent forms (requires boxes ticking and Parent/Carer signature)

### **Weekly challenges**

Today, we have launched the beginning of some seasonal events to incorporate some fun into these challenging times. The first challenge is a **pumpkin carving competition** for students and staff (please see the attached PowerPoint and poster). The deadline for entries is next Thursday – our students are of course allowed support from any 'little (or even big) helpers' at home. Here is a clip with some guidance on pumpkin carving: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RUVNHh2hkGU>.

Further details will be sent out next week of how to submit entries.

Finally, following on from our earlier communication, please be assured that the control measures in place in the Academy are above and beyond DFE and Public Health guidance. I hope you do feel reassured that our first positive case of Covid 19 has occurred after 7 weeks of being at school. 23 children have been identified as close contacts within class and social times, all of who were contacted personally. We will continue to insist upon high standards of regular hand sanitising, the wearing of face coverings in communal areas and maintaining space wherever possible.

Thank you for your continued support of Darton Academy. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@dartonacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@dartonacademy.org.uk). Please enjoy your weekend!

Yours faithfully



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