

Dear Parents and Guardians

I hope my email finds you safe and well ahead of the summer term. I am delighted that all our pupils will be together on campus full time when we start back next week.

On Wednesday morning, pupils will be reminded of the important arrangements that are in place to prevent the spread of C-19. Our updated risk assessments will also be available on the Dollar Academy website next week for your information.

In essence, we are returning to the various plans and protocols that saw us well during the first term. We would, however, ask all parents of pupils in FI and above to be aware of the need for their children to now wear a medical grade facemask when they are within school buildings or when queuing outdoors on campus, unless they are exempt from doing so. Our plans will continue to evolve as restrictions ease, and my colleagues will communicate substantive updates as and when appropriate.

Throughout the pandemic, I have been very grateful for the respect that the school community has shown towards the various measures we have put in place to help suppress C-19. Clearly, as we reopen the campus to all pupils and staff, the likes of good hand and respiratory hygiene, staggered drop off times, and physical distancing remain fundamental to our efforts.

I would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to thank you all in advance for your ongoing support and draw your attention to the attached Morning Arrival Plan. This aims to avoid large groups of pupils arriving on campus at the same time, improve the flow of traffic around the Academy, and dissuade groups of parents from gathering in or around the school grounds.

On their return next week, our pupils will be expected to wear regulation school (summer) uniform with the exception being on days of the week when they have PE (or co-curricular sport). On PE days pupils should wear a Dollar Academy tracksuit or plain navy or black tracksuit bottoms or leggings; Dollar Academy white PE top or coloured Quint top; Dollar Academy navy mid layer (if required); and Dollar Academy blazer on top. No pupil will be permitted to travel on the buses or move around the campus for lessons in just a skort or shorts, and hoodies of any description are not permitted. In inclement weather a navy or black coat, or Dollar Academy Jacket for Prep and Junior School pupils, may be worn when travelling or when outside.

The Senior Staff Group and Governors will continue to review all matters relating to C-19 and the operation of the school closely, making informed decisions when relevant information becomes available.

It is with great enthusiasm that I look forward to Wednesday morning. Having always hoped for a more straightforward co-existence with C-19 in the Spring, I trust that brighter days now lie ahead for us all.

Kindest regards

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