

2nd September 2020

Dear families

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school from tomorrow, 3rd September. You will have received communications from school recently regarding the new car park arrangements and also a letter from Jodie (school nurse) to remind us all of the signs and symptoms to look out for and what to do if these occur. It is important that we all work together to protect our community as much as we can by adhering to these measures and the regularly updated advice and guidance from the Government and Public Health England.

With this in mind I wanted to ensure you were aware of the measures we have in place at Dysart currently to support pupils and staff to return to our environment safely:-

- Frequent hand washing for both staff and pupils
- Adults entering the building will use hand sanitizer immediately, and then wash their hands when they arrive at their classroom/work space
- Temperature checks on arrival for all pupils
- Gloves and apron worn by staff when completing close contact work e.g. toileting, changing clothes, feeding
- Full face visors will be used when directly feeding any child with spitting/spraying behaviours and for those in the isolation room as required
- Masks worn by staff during the day if they feel more comfortable
- Mask will be worn by any visitor to school, this includes those attending for important meetings that need to take place face to face, as well as anyone attending the site before or after the pupils arrive for the day
- The new class groups will become your child's new 'bubble'
- Larger bubbles have been formed along corridors in order to provide the ability to share toilet spaces and outside activities
- Cleaning shared equipment as required throughout the day (by school staff)
- Cleaning of classes and spaces used at the end of day (by cleaning staff) including all door handles, tables and equipment
- Members of the leadership team, office staff and some non-class based staff will be around during the day to support bubbles as required. However we will aim to only break a bubble if absolutely necessary in order to minimise any potential risks
- Pupils will be eating in their classrooms and will not be accessing communal indoor spaces for now e.g. pool, soft play, dining hall, sensory room, hall. The only exception to this will be for those pupils who we deem it necessary to access any space immediately in order to support their wellbeing and help them calm at a point of crisis, or those pupils who have specific exercise programmes within their EHCP that require them to access certain spaces e.g. the pool.

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Please note these measures are only intended on a temporary basis in order to provide us all with the opportunity to settle into his new way of life and to enable us to have the opportunity to firm up specific cleaning routines that will be required for these shared spaces.

All procedures will be regularly reviewed and risk assessed to ensure we maintain a safe environment for our community.

We appreciate any feedback you have and welcome you to contact a member of SLT through the school office or through Sue's email address SBashford@dysartschool.org if you have any questions, queries or concerns.

We look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leigh Edser".

Leigh Edser
Principal