

July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: September full reopening arrangements

2020 will certainly be remembered in Longdendale history for being very eventful! We would like to thank you for all the support you have given us and the lovely messages of thanks we have received for the work we have undertaken to continue to operate during the past few months. As you may be aware, we have remained open, even through the holidays, to support our crucial key worker families and more recently a partial reopening for our Year ten learners. Our staff have been working hard to provide your child with an education, albeit 'remotely' and are currently planning for a full reopening of school for September. Please see the enclosed newsletter for examples of some of the fantastic work our learners have been completing and the activities they have been participating in during this time.

At the end of one of our most challenging school years, we would like to share the arrangements for the start to the new academic year. You may have seen in the media that the government have shared that school attendance will be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term in September. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply. The guidance states that:

- It is a parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age;
- It is schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- There is the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

Understandably, we appreciate that you and your child might be anxious about returning to school in the current climate. We would like to reassure you that we have implemented all of the government recommendations and guidance for keeping your child safe. We place the health and wellbeing of our learners and our staff above all other considerations. Consequently, we have put in place a detailed induction programme for every child returning to school in September. Alongside this we are in the process of producing detailed guidance for parents, carers and learners that will be sent home in due course. In the meantime please see our website for the most up to date information: [www.lhs.aspireplus.org.uk](http://www.lhs.aspireplus.org.uk). If you wish to read the latest government guidance you will also find this on line at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

If you cannot find the answer to your question in the guidance or on our website please contact school on [admin@lhs.aspireplus.org.uk](mailto:admin@lhs.aspireplus.org.uk). However, please be aware that we break up for the end of term on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 2:50pm, so there may be a delay in the response

In September 2020 all learners will have a full induction back into school a year group at a time. There are no staggered start times to the day. School begins to open up for all learners at 8.30am and will finish at the usual time. The new Year seven will have a slightly earlier finish time for a short while to support them with their induction to secondary school.

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Each year group will form its own year group **'bubble'**, with its own entrances and exits into the building. They will be taught in specific areas of school and enjoy their breaks and lunch times at alternative times of the day. We have employed a one-way system around the building and introduced new washing and hand sanitising facilities at school entrances and in all classrooms. Social distancing is encouraged and clearly marked across the school site and along corridors. Where possible learners will move around the building as little as possible during their time in school.

We recognise that on their child's return parents and carers may have further concerns about any potential gaps in their child's learning that may have arisen during the period of remote learning. We would like to reassure you that we will work hard with you to minimise, as much as possible, any gaps that may have emerged in your child's progress. We are endeavouring to return all learners to a full curriculum as quickly as possible and will be in contact with you if we feel your child requires additional support or intervention in the forthcoming weeks and months.

The full return dates for learners are as follows:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Staff training / Year 11 assessments  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Staff training / Year 11 assessments  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Year **11**  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Years 11 & **7**  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Years 11 & 7 & **8**  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Years 11 & 7 & 8 & **10**  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Years 11 & 7 & 8 & 10 & **9**

As already shared with you, if your child is returning school to Year 11 they will sit some assessments on the Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> during staff INSET days. We are doing this so as we can identify individually where extra provision and intervention needs to be put in place to support your child in their final year at school.

In order to create a positive climate for learning where all learners are able to fulfill their full potential we require your support in ensuring the highest standards of professionalism from your child. Their professional attendance, punctuality, organisation, personal presentation and demonstration of respect are crucial if all learners in school are to stay safe, are happy and achieve.

We are informed by the government that Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is not required in school. Face coverings worn to travel to and from school and in shops, need to be safely stored away in a plastic bag in your child's school bag during the school day.

Please could you ensure your child comes equipped with their High Five, (a pen, pencil, ruler and scientific calculator), they will receive their new planner during tutor time. Due to restrictions they will be unable to loan equipment from school or each other. If you could encourage your child to pack their bag the night before and check that they have everything they will need for their school day, it will support your child's smooth transition back into school. As water fountains are not in use, a filled reusable water bottle is recommended. Drinks will be available to purchase in the usual manner from their allocated break and lunch areas.

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Standards of uniform continue to be a priority as professional dress creates a professional climate for learning. May we take this opportunity to request that families support us with ensuring their child is dressed appropriately for school. We have introduced some changes that we would like to draw your attention to:

- Where possible please could all jewellery be avoided, this includes watches and earrings. As with long nails and untied back hair, these items can harbour the Covid-19 virus.
- No trainers – all sports brands are banned as school shoes. Please support us by not purchasing sports brands such as Nike, Adidas, Puma, Converse, New Balance and Umbro.
- The new blue PE kit introduced last year is now compulsory for ALL learners across all school years.

For further details of uniform requirements and stockists please refer to our website. For clarification we have also included on our website picture examples of shoes that are professionally acceptable for your child's return to school.

Please consider carefully how your child is going to travel to and from school. If they are walking, please encourage them to maintain a social distance from others. If they are being transported by car please could all drivers not park, pick up or drop off learners on the turning circle. Under no circumstances will drivers be able to use the drive up to school to drop off or pick up their child. Please find an alternative meeting point away from the school site and the busy school buses.

The guidance is to encourage learners not to travel by public transport where possible. If there is no alternative please could you ensure your child wears a face covering and observes their social distance. As all buses are managed and operated by private providers they may be barred from using the bus if they are not observing the rules.

In addition to above, please could you speak to your child about respecting the local community our school belongs to. Please ask your child to not visit shops or get together in groups whilst we find ourselves in these difficult times. Not only will this keep our community safe, it will also ensure that everybody in our school community and their families are safe.

Thank you again for your continued support of our school. Longdendale belongs to the learners, by working in partnership together to support school improvement we can build together an even better school where every child, parent and staff member feels proud to be a part of our community. We would like to wish you and your family a safe, restful and enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing you at your child's Parental Consultation Evening in the forthcoming year, either in person or virtually!

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs J Willis**  
**Assistant Headteacher Inclusion**

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