



Wednesday 7th July 2021

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

CODA Updates IMPORTANT

I would like to start by saying thank you to everyone for your efforts in reducing the spread of COVID-19. Although the number of positive cases across the City are increasing daily, which is in line with the national picture, cases at CoDA remain low.

I will continue to monitor the local picture for positive cases. However, if local cases continue to rise and we receive further guidance from Public Health England, we might need to put further restrictions in place; as has happened at other schools in the City.

The recent messages from the Prime Minister and the Minister for Education have provided an update on the route map for the next stages of infection control. For most sectors, these changes are planned from Monday 19th July 2021, but in schools our current restrictions will have to stay in place until the end of term. The DfE *'expect settings to continue to fulfil their contact tracing responsibilities up to Step 4 (or six days after term ends – whichever is earlier)'*.

Therefore, at CoDA our current safety guidelines will remain in place. This is because following a positive case, close and proximity cases will still need to self-isolate for 10 days. As a reminder, our main safety guidelines are: -

- Remain at home and get a PCR test if you have symptoms of COVID-19
- Face coverings will still need to be worn when students move around
- Students will continue to sanitise their hands when they move from different areas of the school
- Catch It, Bin It, Kill It, is still recommended
- Hands, Face, Space

Calendar Changes 2020-2021

CoDA is offering an induction day for all Year 6 students on Friday 23rd of July 2021. To reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19, all year groups (7, 8, 9 and 10) will receive Remote Learning on the final day of term – Friday 23rd July 2021. Remote Learning will be set on Microsoft Teams as we have previously done for Remote Learning.

Calendar Changes 2021-2022

Part of the recommendations for all secondary school students to return in September 2021, is for them to complete two Lateral Flow Devise tests in school. Therefore, our plans for the start of next year will have to change. I will update parents as soon as possible with update plans.

In addition, the Department for Education has allowed schools to modify their calendars in recognition of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Again, when we have an updated calendar we will publish and inform parents as soon as possible.

School Day 2021-2022

Next year, COVID bubbling and other systems of control will not be required in schools. Therefore, we will be returning to the original school day.

Start time	End time		<u>Break times</u>
8:00am	8:30am	Breakfast club	Year 7, 8 & 9 - 10:00am – 10:25am Year 10 & 11 - 11:00am – 11:25am
8:40am	9:00am	Form Time/Assembly	
9:00am	10:00am	Lesson 1	
10:00am	11:25am	Lesson 2 & Split Break	
11:25am	12:25pm	Lesson 3	<u>Lunch times</u> Year 7, 8 & 9 - 12:25pm – 1:00pm Year 10 & 11 - 1:25pm – 2:00pm
12:25pm	2:00pm	Lesson 4 & Split Lunch	
2:00pm	3:00pm	Lesson 5	
3:00pm	4:00pm	Enrichment	

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely



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