

CITY OF DERBY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

CoDA Start of Term Messages and Reminders

It has been a delight to welcome our students back to CoDA and we hope that they are enjoying being back in their classrooms. The feel around the school has been first class and although students have not been into school for 6 weeks, they have readjusted incredibly well. We would like to provide you with a few updates and reminders.

Lateral Flow Device Tests

Over 600 students received LFD tests last week and they were a credit to themselves and the school. We will be providing students with their own LFD tests this week. These should be completed twice a week at home and we would recommend on a Sunday and Wednesday evening. Lateral Flow Device tests are an important tool for keeping the CoDA community safe from Covid19.

Parent Pay

Unfortunately, there were a few technical faults with ParentPay last week. I can confirm that ParentPay is set up for all year groups. ParentPay enables all parents to pay for trips, activities and put money on student's canteen accounts.

Important Dates

- Open Evening - The opportunity to showcase our school through our Open Evening for new students will soon be upon us. Our Open Evening is on Wednesday 6th of October 2021 between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. We will conduct this evening on school site.
- Year 11 Aim for Success Evening - We will be hosting a face-to-face event for all Year 11 parents and their children on Tuesday 21st September 2021. The aim of this evening is to provide support and guidance for the summer examinations. More details will be published shortly.

Clubs including Breakfast Club

There are a number of enrichment activities that students can join, both in the school day and after school. The full list can be accessed by following this link:

<https://www.cityofderbyacademy.org/students/clubs-and-activities/>

CoDA Breakfast club has started this week. All students can access our Breakfast Club from 8.00am and a breakfast can be purchased for as little as 20p.

Remote Learning/Homework Expectations

We have put together a remote learning guidance document that students and their families will find useful. You can find a copy of the guidance attached to this letter, or alternatively you can visit our website

<https://www.cityofderbyacademy.org/remote-learning/> where you will find an electronic version of the guidance along with some useful links, help guides and videos.

Bus transport.

Pupils over the age of 11 travelling on school bus services, are encouraged to continue to wear a face covering when boarding, during the journey and when they get off the vehicle. This is in line with the advice from Government for public transport and crowded spaces. If your child travels to school by bus or taxi, please can you ensure they leave the house with a face mask or two to support this guidance.

Parking

As you will be very aware, the roads surrounding the school can become very busy at the start and end of the day. We would like to remind parents when picking their children up to be considerate of other road users and residents.

Absence

Please note, all student absence including those related to COVID, should be reported through the absence line by 9am. Please call 01332 270450.

COVID-19 Reminders

If your child has any symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come into school. You should book them in for a PCR test to confirm infection. Close contacts will be contacted by NHS test and trace and will be advised to take a precautionary PCR but will not be required to self-isolate. All adults who are double vaccinated will not be required to self-isolate. Further information about Stay-at-Home Guidance can be found via this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-householdswith-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Once again, it has been lovely to see the students back in school this week.

Yours sincerely,

The Senior Leadership Team