

# Dudley Academies Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Re: Approved secondary reopening plans**

Thank you to our Year 10 parents and carers for taking part in the Trust reopening survey. Your responses have influenced our plans moving forward. It was found that just less than a third of parents and carers said they are happy for their child to return to school. As a result, we believe that the right way forward for all learners is to continue with their distance learning at home.

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020, the Board of Trustees met and approved a new reopening plan for our secondary academies. Moving forward, we will invite each year 10 learner to attend their academy for a face to face meeting, at least once before the summer term ends. These meetings will commence from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Year 10 learners will be invited to their academy for a face to face mentoring session with a key member of staff. There will be a wellbeing check, a check of the learner's engagement with distance learning and an overview of the learner's progress since their academy closed on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The learner will also be set a number of targets to be reviewed at a follow up meeting or by a follow up telephone call.

To ensure the safety of our staff and learners the following will be implemented:

- Social distancing should be adhered to at all times by anyone on site.
- Social distancing floor prompts will be placed across sites.
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) will be provided for members of staff.
- Hand sanitisation stations will be placed across sites. All are 70% alcohol which adheres to the government guidance (a minimum of 60%). To reduce the opportunity for cross contamination, please do not send your child to school with any variety of anti-bacterial gel or hand sanitiser, as we have plenty supply in our academies.
- Hand held temperature readers have been purchased for each academy.
- Cleaning equipment such as disinfectant etc. will be made available to staff to ensure the cleanliness of work areas.

In the week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June, a member of staff from your child's academy will contact you to arrange an appointment for your child to attend their mentoring meeting.

Thank you for your patience at this time and stay safe. I wish you all a restful holiday next week.

Yours faithfully

Jo Higgins  
Chief Executive



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