

RETURN TO SCHOOL (JUNIOR SCHOOL)

7 August 2020

INFORMATION FOR JUNIOR PUPILS AND PARENTS FOR THE START OF TERM

We hope you are having an enjoyable summer; the following information will be useful to you for the first day of term, Thursday 20 August 2020.

1. **Where do I go?** Please arrive at the Academy at the following times:

Junior 1	08.40 – 08.50
Junior 2	08.30 – 08.40

As mentioned in previous whole school briefings, pupils will be required to pass through the Junior Temperature Check Tent on arrival and proceed straight to their classroom through signposted doors.

STAFF WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE TO SHOW YOU THE WAY

Parents are reminded that no cars should be driven into the grounds at any time during the school day. Parents are asked where possible to park away from the school and walk up with the children. The area near the Junior School gates will be one way and for dropping off only.

2. **What do I wear?** Regular uniform with the following exceptions:

- On PE days pupils should come to school in PE kit and Dollar tracksuit. On these days, pupils should also bring an extra sports top and spare pair of socks and trainers.
- Dollar blazers are optional during the first 4 weeks of school and **could** be replaced by a plain navy or black coat or waterproof or Dollar tracksuit top, if required.
- All items of clothing should be clearly named.

ON DAY ONE EVERYONE SHOULD WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM

3. **What should I bring with me?**

- Healthy snack and packed lunch ideally in a small named wipeable packed lunch box.
- Re-fillable, named water bottle.
- Small pencil case **to be left in school** containing pencils, pens, rubber, colouring pencils, ruler, glue stick and small scissors.
- Any school books and resources to return to school.
- We are asking that all children carry with them a simple PPE kit. Children will not be required to wear masks. but may do so if you wish. We feel it is important they get into a routine.

Junior School pupils are permitted to bring in a mobile phone, if required, but are reminded that it must be switched off and stored in school bags throughout the school day.

4. **What happens at break and lunchtime?**

- All children should bring a healthy snack for break, packed lunch and re-fillable water bottle.
- Lunch will take place in the classroom (or outside) supervised by the class teacher.
- Break times will be staggered and play areas will be allocated to different classes and year groups.

5. **What happens at the end of the day? Departure times are as follows:**

Junior 1	15.15
Junior 2	15.25

Once again parents are requested to park away from the Academy grounds if possible and please observe physical distancing if gathered together to await children.

At the end of the school day Junior pupils have two options; either to go straight home at 3.15/3.25 or to go to a co-curricular club (see below). Pupils are not permitted to stay around school or the village and wait for the late bus if they are not attending a club, and they must record what their end of day plans are on sign up sheets in each classroom. In exceptional circumstances – for instance the cancelling of a club at short notice – and with Miss Renton's permission, children may be permitted to stay in the Junior School or visit the senior school library until the late bus.

Should you have any difficulties with this arrangement at the start of term before a full range of clubs is running please contact Miss Renton.

6. What happens if I take a bus?

- Please refer to whole school transport arrangements regarding buses. Junior children will get priority on the buses and will be asked to sit in designated areas.
- Face masks are required for all buses.
- Children will be escorted to the buses during the first few days and Teachers' Assistants are present at the bus pick up point if there are any difficulties.
- Tracksuits must be worn on the bus if boarding after co-curricular games.

SHOULD YOU MISS YOUR BUS YOU MUST RETURN TO THE JUNIOR SCHOOL WHERE A MEMBER OF STAFF WILL HELP YOU

8. When will co-curricular clubs start?

- It is likely that co-curricular hockey and rugby will commence from w/c Monday 24 August.
- The rest of the co-curricular programme will be finalised during the first few weeks as guidelines, facilities and staffing are agreed.

We believe in adopting a staggered approach to introducing the clubs to allow pupils to settle into their new classroom routines. This will be of particular importance this session as we adjust to new guidelines in all aspects of daily life which may impact on the range of clubs we can offer. Please bear with us.

10. How do I contact the school?

- By telephone to the main school number (01259 742511) for anything urgent or immediate eg change of pick up plans.
- By email to junior@dollaracademy.org.uk.
- Increasing communication is going via email so it is vital that we have the correct email address for you.
- On occasion we do have to telephone you so please ensure we have the correct mobile telephone number on which we can always reach you.
- Please keep a close eye on the website and social media for any updates.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENT

In accordance with guidance we are limiting the presence of adults in the school buildings at this time. Our Information Event will therefore take place via a ZOOM session on the evening of **Wednesday 2 September** and further details will follow at the start of term.

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