



# LEWIS GIRLS' SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your families are well. The last three weeks in school have been a lovely end to a difficult term; we have really enjoyed seeing so many students return to school and they appeared to be glad to be back, even if it was for a short period of time.

I wanted to write to you before the end of term in regards to arrangements for September. We very much welcome the announcement from the Minister for Education, that all students can return to full educational provision in September. My aim is that we return as quickly as possible, but fully compliant with health and safety laws to protect our students and staff. This continues to be the school's main priority. In view of this, we have assessed the risks and implemented the following measures:

- Anyone who displays symptoms of COVID-19 must stay at home
- Regular and thorough hand washing and sanitising
- Regular and focussed cleaning of areas and surfaces
- Full engagement with Test, Trace, Protect
- Established contact groups in zones to reduce mixing and movement, maximised distancing, facing front tables.
- No visitors unless by prior appointment.

The measures comply with health and safety guidance and are in place ready for September. We will review and adapt them as and when we are advised.

Students will be in 'contact groups' and we will avoid mixing groups as much as possible. Each year group or 'contact group' will be allocated a zone and organised into classes within the zone, that allow us to ensure teaching and learning is very specifically pitched with the right level of challenge and support for students. They will remain in the same classroom with their group for most lessons unless they need specialist equipment, such as in science, where they may need access to a lab. This will effectively restrict movement and reduce contact with other year groups, but not affect the quality of learning. On days where students have PE, they can come to school in the school PE uniform. All students will wear full school uniform unless they have a PE lesson. We will continue with the practice of no sharing of equipment. This will be in all lessons. At key stage 4, students will need to separate to attend their different option subjects. However, most option groups have smaller numbers of students than those of core subjects. This means they will be able to maintain an appropriate distance in lessons. Where subjects have larger numbers of students, the allocated classroom will also be significantly larger. Sixth form subjects are taught in smaller groups, but where students undertake subjects at other schools, lessons will be live streamed to avoid mixing contact groups across schools. The school day will have a staggered start and end, and breaks will be taken within zones. However, all students will

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have five full lessons each day, as usual. We will not reduce any teaching time and I expect high quality teaching, learning and engagement. Our well being team have worked with many children over recent months and in the last three weeks in school, and they will continue to support children throughout the new term. This includes the new year 7 students, who we are really looking forward to welcoming on 2nd September.

The Minister has allocated planning and preparation days at the start of term. However, given the teaching and learning time students have already missed in the current academic year, we will have one day for planning on Tuesday 1st September, which would normally be an inset day anyway, and then on **Wednesday 2nd September we will have an enhanced transition day for the new year 7 students, so that we can ensure they are settled and happy before other year groups return. Year 13 will also be expected to return on Wednesday 2nd and they will have a full day with the sixth form team to re-engage them with their studies. On Thursday 3rd September, year 11 and 12 will return and will be re-engaged with their learning. On Friday 4th September, all students will return and lessons will start immediately. In summary:**

- **Tuesday 1st September: Planning day. No students.**
- **Wednesday 2nd September: Year 7 and year 13 only.**
- **Thursday 3rd September: Years 7, 11,12, 13**
- **Friday 4th September: All year groups for a full return.**

We will obviously adapt to any changes in advice or circumstance over the summer holidays, and we will review the actions and plans every two weeks, continuing to adapt to change as the new term starts and progresses. We will need to continue to ensure that if anyone is ill and presents with symptoms, they do not attend school. This is very important to keep the community safe. However, I did not want parents or children to be worried or anxious about September, so I hope you will feel reassured to know what we have planned and how we aim to provide engaging and purposeful learning in a safe environment. I will update you again as the autumn term approaches, but I hope you can have an enjoyable summer with your families and look forward, as we do, to September.

Stay safe and well.

Kind regards and very best wishes,

Mrs Harding.

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