

12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that you are having a restful Easter break.

As the new Headteacher at Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School, I am looking forward to building on the success of my predecessor, working with yourselves and so many supportive governors, dedicated staff and delightful young people.

As you will be aware, all pupils will return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and I would like to take this opportunity to outline the arrangements for the first day back and remind you of the expected standards with regards to uniform and equipment.

### **Return on Monday 19th April.**

During the first part of the morning, pupils will remain in form with their form tutor until period 2 in order to ensure all pupils are ready and fully prepared for learning.

### **Uniform and standards**

As you know during the Spring Term, the school supported pupils and families who struggled with items of uniform as we were aware of the challenges around purchasing items when non-essential shops were closed. As these shops begin to re-open, we expect that from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April all pupils will comply with our uniform and standards policies and a full check will be conducted by form tutors and leadership during the extended morning form session. I would also like to remind you that pupils must now arrive to school on PE days in full uniform and they will then get changed at the start of the PE lessons.

Information regarding our current uniform expectations can be found here: <https://decschool.co.uk/uniform/>. Please do check the website for clear images on what can and cannot be worn. Particular notice should be paid to the section on jewellery, makeup and hair cuts.

Note that if pupils arrive to school incorrectly dressed, they will be directed to the uniform cupboard where an appropriate item of uniform will be provided for them. Parents will be required to collect any confiscated items.

If your child is exempt from wearing any items of uniform based on medical grounds then they are asked to bring in a medical note to state why they cannot wear the item. The Head of House will then authorise an exemption.

If pupils are not able to rectify the issue by the above means, then they will be removed from lessons where they will work on remote learning and parents/carers will be contacted. They will remain out of lessons until they meet the schools required standards.

If you require support or have any further queries then you can contact Mr Ali, Deputy Head teacher on [enquiry@decschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@decschool.co.uk), who will be able to answer these for you over the Easter break.



### Face coverings

The government have announced that face coverings should continue to be worn in secondary school classrooms as a precautionary measure when students return after the Easter break.

Please ensure that your child arrives back on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April with an **appropriate, plain face covering**. We will be able to provide pupils with a facemask if they do not have one, but each time they are issued with one from the school, 50p will be charged to parents via Wisepay.

### Home Testing Reminders

As you know [the Government announced that](#) all secondary aged students will also be offered regular asymptomatic COVID-19 tests to take at home. All students who have agreed to testing were offered tests to take at home twice a week (on a Sunday and Wednesday evening), so that the spread of the virus can be reduced. This should continue to be done during the Easter break. Further kits will be provided to pupils on their return to school.

The result of each test needs to be reported using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website:  
<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

Parents and carers will also need to tell the school the result of each test by completing the following MS Form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage>

If a pupil has a positive test result, they will need to stay home and self-isolate. If the result of the test is unclear (void) they will need to do another one. Pupils have the option to take the test and report the result the evening before school, but no earlier.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing all pupils return on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021**.

Yours sincerely

Ms J Newsome  
Headteacher

