

21st August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

We are really looking forward to welcoming:



ULIDIA INTEGRATED COLLEGE

- Year 12 and Year 14 on **Monday 24th August to Wednesday 26th August**
- All of Year 8 on **Thursday 27th August and Friday 28th August.**
- **All pupils** will return to school on **Tuesday 1st September.** They will return to a full induction and pastoral programme before commencing their timetable for this academic year.

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, some of the usual supports and resources that we used to have in place have had to be paused. This will be reviewed on an ongoing basis, and we ask for your understanding as we operate in very challenging circumstances.

Pupils - please note the following information:

- **If you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of Covid19 you should contact the school office and NOT attend school.**
- You must bring your own **tissues, hand sanitiser and a PLAIN face covering.** Face coverings are not compulsory in classrooms, but will be on public transport and are strongly encouraged on school transport.
- Translink are monitoring social distancing, behaviour and crowd control on trains and stops in particular Downshire Halt, so any breaches could result in permission to travel being revoked. Please contact Translink directly if you have any queries regarding public transport.
- You should attend school in full compliance with the School Uniform and Appearance policy, bring your school bag and pens, pencils, colouring pencils and any other essential equipment needed, for example calculators.
- If a pupil comes to school without basic essential equipment such as pens, pencils etc, they will not be able to participate in lessons as we cannot lend these out for Health and Safety reasons. PLEASE ensure you come to school prepared.
- Sharing of equipment will be limited and subject to hygiene recommended guidance.
- **On days when a pupil is timetabled for games or PE they should wear full, school PE kit – this must be in line with School PE uniform requirements:**
<https://ulidiacollege.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2018-Uniform-Appearance-Policy-Pupils.pdf>
- The discipline policy has been updated to include zero tolerance for any breach of discipline, particularly in regard to health and safety. We would really appreciate your support in this matter.
- Guidance makes it clear that handwashing with soap is the most effective means of preventing the spread of infection; **all** pupils will be expected to wash their hands on arrival each day at school, throughout the day and continue to follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' guidance.
- Break and lunch times will be staggered. There will be a limited canteen menu on offer at break and lunch, and the seating capacity will be reduced to allow social distancing. There will be no seating available at break inside the canteen – it will be a grab and go service. Once you have finished your meal you will have to immediately vacate the canteen. Use

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of a tray will be compulsory no matter how small the items if you are sitting in. The implications here are that we must be extremely careful about litter around the site. Pupils with a packed lunch may eat in the canteen, but must use a tray and leave as soon as they are finished. Queueing will be outside under the covered walkway.

- We recommend bringing a bottle of still water with you.
- As we currently have no indoor corridors in the school buildings, pupils will travel in class bubbles in Year 8 – 10 accessing the full curriculum, Year 11– 14 will not be in bubbled groups, but social distancing will be encouraged at all times.
- There will be a one-way system in operation in areas where there is a high volume of pupils moving around such as the main toilet block. Pupils must adhere to the signage on the ground and displayed around the school.
- A two metre distance between ALL staff and pupils **must** be adhered to at all times.
- Routines and protocols are in place to allow for increased regularity of cleaning of main ‘touch points’ around the school.
- Toilet blocks are to only be used as follows:

HE BLOCK TOILETS	ENGLISH TOILET BLOCK	MAIN TOILET BLOCK
Year 11 and Year 9	Year 12 and Year 13/14	Year 10 and Year 8

There are **no exceptions** to this as toilets are a high traffic area and are potential zones for cross contamination. This will assist with Track and Trace should a child display any symptoms of Covid 19. Any breach of this will be treated very seriously.

It is recommended that pupils enter through the following gates:

Playground gate	Staff room gate	PE gate
Year 8 and 9	Year 10 and 11	12 and 6 th Form

- The end of the day will be staggered to allow for offsite pick up of pupils as follows:
 - Year 8 and 9 will finish at 3pm
 - Year 10 and 11 will finish at 3.05pm
 - Year 12 and 6th form will finish at 3.10pm
 - All pupils must leave the site and disperse immediately

Pupils should report to the following rooms on arrival:

YEAR 8	
8MCY	HE1
8GLN	SC2
8MRE	HE2
8PDN	MUS
8SPR	GEN2
YEAR 9	
9WRY	IT3
9PTT	GG2

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9MER	DR2
9MPY	SC1
9LNS	SC4
YEAR 10	
10BLL	RE
10FRM	TECH
10FTT	MA3
10MCR	MA4
10RDM	LA1
YEAR 11	
11CHM	SC3
11KTG	BUS ST
11MCG	EN3
11TNR	HIST1
11WTN	ART2
YEAR 12	
12DNN	GG1
12MHG	IT2
12SMH	EN2
12STL	EN4
12WTT	HIS2
YEAR 13	Hall - socially distanced seating
YEAR 14	
14BAR	IT1
14OWN	EN1

- In order to facilitate social distancing, unfortunately parents will not be able to enter the site without an appointment, and pupils must be dropped off and collected away from the school gates. Please be very considerate of our local residents and especially of Acorn Primary school by meeting your child a bit further away down the road. The extra walk will be good for them!
- No staff will be available for unscheduled meetings, please telephone the school office on 02893 358500 if you have any questions.

Although this is not the restart to full normality we would have liked, we are very much looking forward to getting our school community back together.

We must remain vigilant, considerate and caring towards each other, and this cannot be allowed to lapse with familiarity as time passes.

We can't wait to see you all again.

Yours faithfully

M Houston

Principal

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