



THE ST LEONARDS ACADEMY

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Interim Principal: Hannah Carter

Dear Parent/Carer and Student,

I hope that you have had a good summer break and have kept in good health. I am writing to all students and their parents to share important information regarding your return to school in September.

The end of the 2019-2020 academic year was not what anyone was expecting and not how we wanted it to end. It also, unsurprisingly, presented all of the TSLA community some major challenges, including us here at school. This is something we have never experienced before and we hope we will not have to experience again! We are all so incredibly proud of each one of you for doing your bit in following the government guidelines even when it was difficult, and for getting on with your learning at home.

However, we are very aware that we have all had very different experiences during lockdown and here at St Leonard's Academy we are committed to supporting you and your family when you return. You will already know that we have re-introduced a full pastoral system where you will have a tutor that you will see every day, and a pastoral team supporting each year group. We hope that this will help you with the transition back to school and provide you with the structure to be happy, safe and successful.

In the first week back each year group will have a fully day in the academy where they will meet their tutor and tutor group, become familiar with the one way system and the new timings of the school day. This will be as follows;

Monday 7 th September	Tuesday 8 th September	Wednesday 9 th September	Thursday 10 th September	Friday 11 th September
Year 11	Year 10	Year 9	Year 8	Year 7

On your return, you will notice some changes to the school site and to our daily procedures in response to COVID-19. These changes are in place for your safety and the safety of those around you and **MUST** be followed without fail. One key change I would like to draw your attention to is that students will only have one opportunity in the day to access the canteen for food; this time is highlighted on the timings sheet for each year group. Please make sure that your child has adequate snacks and a drink for their other break as access for some year groups is not until later in the day.



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Documents detailing specific entry/exit points and timings of the day for each year group along with a map of the site showing the one-way system in place are attached to the email you have received, these are also available on the website to view and download.

In response to the most recent government guidance we will be expecting students to wear face masks in all communal spaces such as corridors and during lunch and break times; please ensure that your child arrives at the Academy with a mask and understands the expectation to wear one upon entry to the building. This measure is for the safety and well-being of everyone in our community.

Please note all plans are subject to change as we are responding to government advice as we receive it. Any changes that do need to be made, will be communicated to you at the earliest possible opportunity via all means that we have available to us including letter, text message, email and social media platforms.

Now more than ever, it is vital that every student in the academy is doing the right thing, at the right time and is in the right place. This is to restrict any unnecessary contact between different bubbles and to keep all members of our community safe. There will be no grey areas where behaviour is concerned, the safety and welfare of staff and students is of paramount importance, and as such, we are asking parents to support the school fully with the health and safety measures we have put in place.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your resilience and support of the academy during this difficult and uncertain time and I encourage you to keep in regular contact with us via your child's tutor should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. K Webb
Acting Assistant Principal