

WEEKLY 'HEAD'-LINES

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we received guidance from the Government about opening schools to all year groups from September. Within our community there will be mixed emotions about this, but I want to reassure you that full risk assessments will be completed, and all plans will be communicated to you by the end of term. As you know we have been educating Year 10 and Year 12 from school since 10th June giving us the opportunity to test the robustness of our health and safety procedures. I can confirm that they are proving to be easy for the staff and students to follow and are highly effective. The safety and wellbeing of your children is paramount and is at the centre of our planning.

Attendance

The guidance states that the attendance of all students is mandatory from the first week of September 2020 and that usual rules on attendance will be applied. Parents who have serious concerns or feel extremely anxious about their children returning to school are advised to contact the school to talk about the measures that are in place to reduce the risk to their child. The Government are very clear that pupils of compulsory school age must be in school unless a statutory reason applies. If a child shows symptoms of Coronavirus, or is isolating because they have been in contact with someone who has had symptoms and been tested as positive then the child should not attend school and the correct absence code will be applied.

Uniform

We are advised by the Government to reinstate our usual school uniform policy which is accessible via this link <http://groveschoolmarketdrayton.co.uk/information/uniform/>. Our uniform supplier has assured us they have stock available which can be ordered online, or you can attend the shop via appointment. A letter from our supplier can be accessed [here](#). A reminder that trainers of any style are not permitted nor are ballet style or slip on shoes. Last year there was confusion about this, hence making it explicit now so that you can ensure that footwear meets the standards required in the policy.

Equipment

All students need to return to school equipped with a clear pencil case, pens, pencil, rubber, ruler, highlighter, compass, and calculator. This is important because one of the health and safety measure that we need to follow is not sharing stationary due to the risk of transmission.

We are looking forward to welcoming all our students back to The Grove School and are confident that we can do so safely. I will write to you with your full guide on returning before the end of term.

Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Sonia Taylor
Headteacher



Competitions & Challenges

Sport challenge: Richard Whitehead MBE Double Gold Paralympic medallist and 4 times World Champion, is challenging students from across the Marches Academy Trust to complete as many star jumps as they can in 1 minute. To win a medal upon return to school, post a video of your attempt in the comments of the post on our Facebook page.

Biology Competition: The Nancy Rothwell Award celebrates specimen drawing in schools and highlights the benefits of combining Art and Science. The competition challenges entrants to draw, paint, sketch or digitally create artwork capturing plant and animal anatomy. Open to students aged 7 to 18 years old, closing date for submissions 31 July 2020. [Click here](#) to view full details and prizes available.

History Competition: Focus Games Ltd are challenging all age groups to create a unique piece of work; drawing, poster, short story, video, or artwork to celebrate 100 Great Black Britons and their legacy. Entries close on 30 September 2020, [click here](#) for more information.

Current Affairs Competition: UCL open Democracy are running a competition for students aged 14 years+. To enter they need to share their vision of the future by submitting either a written article, short video or image that describes their vision for the world after the coronavirus crises has passed – entries close 10 July 2020. There are some great prizes up for grabs! Please [click here](#) for more details.

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