

# The De Montfort School

UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL



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Dear Parent/Carer

We are half way through our Wave One of our phased re-introduction and we have been very pleased with how well having our Year 6 children returning, alongside our skeleton school, has been operating since 1<sup>st</sup> June.

We would like to commend the exceptional behaviour of the children, as well as extend my thanks to our staff for making it possible. We would also like to thank you for your support throughout this process of our slowly, but safely getting our children back into The De Montfort School.

Our plans for **Wave Two Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June** are detailed below.

The days when each group is in is indicated in the tables below with a ✓.

**Please note these days very carefully for your child, as the days are not the same each week.**

## Wave Two - Week One: 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Each group has **3 whole days** as follows:

Day/Group	6a1	6a2	6a3	6a4	6a5	Skeleton
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	✓	✓	✓			✓
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June			✓	✓	✓	✓
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June				✓	✓	✓
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	✓	✓				✓

## Wave Two - Week One: 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Each group has **4 whole days** as follows:

Day/Group	6a1	6a2	6a3	6a4	6a5	Skeleton
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	✓	✓	✓			✓
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June			✓	✓	✓	✓
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓

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Please note all groups and the **skeleton group** will be doing whole days not half days and **all groups will follow the same structure below.**

Day	Arrival	Period 1	Break	Period 2	Lunch	Period 3	Break	Period 4	Exit
Monday	9.30 a.m.	9.45 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.45 a.m.	11.30 a.m.	12.15 p.m.	1.00 p.m.	1.15 p.m.	2.00 p.m.
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	9.45 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.45 a.m.	11.30 a.m.	12.15 p.m.	1.00 p.m.	1.15 p.m.	2.00 p.m.
Wednesday	9.30 a.m.	9.45 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.45 a.m.	11.30 a.m.	12.15 p.m.	1.00 p.m.	1.15 p.m.	2.00 p.m.
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	9.45 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.45 a.m.	11.30 a.m.	12.15 p.m.	1.00 p.m.	1.15 p.m.	2.00 p.m.
Friday	9.30 a.m.	9.45 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.45 a.m.	11.30 a.m.	12.15 p.m.	1.00 p.m.	1.15 p.m.	2.00 p.m.

We will continue to review very carefully as we proceed and will let you know our plans for **Wave Three: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020** before the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

#### Some questions and answers

#### **1. My child has been attending for Wave One, do I need to let you know if they are continuing to attend for Wave Two?**

No, unless we hear from you, we will assume that your child will continue to be attending.

#### **2. What do I need to do if I want my child to return to school for Wave Two?**

If you decide that you wish to send your child in to school for **Wave Two**, please contact us at the school by **4 p.m. on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020**. In this way, we can plan your child's safe reintegration for Wave Two.

Wave	Deadline for your confirmation Yes or No to TDMS	Dates
Two	4 p.m. Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June

#### **3. Can I still wait and send my child back a little later?**

Yes, remember this is your decision and if you are not yet happy to send your child back to school, you do not have to.

You could decide to send your child back in **Wave Three: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**.

You can continue to make your decision in the light of your personal circumstances and the state of the outbreak.

For **Wave Three** the deadline is **4 p.m. Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020**.

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Three	4 p.m. Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July

#### **4. Will my Year 6 child still get work provided if they are not in school?**

Yes, the school will continue to provide some work for those Year 6 children that are not in, but naturally this will not be quite as frequent as it has been during lockdown, as the staff will also be in school teaching the Year 6 children who are in.

#### **5. What will happen regarding breaks and lunchtimes?**

We ask that your child **brings a packed lunch with them** and we will insist that the children eat their lunch at their work-station, enabling them to then keep their lunchboxes safe in their bags.

Each of the 6 classes will have a zone for their break/lunchtimes. They will not be able, I'm afraid, to play on our normal play equipment or play football, as we cannot assure social distancing. We will ensure that they understand that they can chat with their friends within their specific class group, but at the 2m social distance.

We will provide a packed lunch for those children eligible for a **Free School Meal**.

**6. Should my child be wearing a face mask when they return to school?**

No, given current guidance, the wearing of face masks for staff and children returning to school is not recommended at this time. However, we will, of course, review the school's position on the wearing of masks, if the guidance changes. The critical messages we all need to abide by are regarding the need to social distance and the effective and frequent washing of hands.

**7. How will the school deal with any poor behaviour, in particular any children who completely disregard social distancing instructions?**

So far, all the children who have returned have behaved extremely well and followed instructions. We are in exceptional times and social distancing has to be observed for everyone's safety. Therefore, any poor behaviour will not be tolerated and your child would be sent home or have to be collected immediately. From then on, they would need to work at home using the home learning work being provided.

**8. What about safety (social distancing) to and from school?**

Although, so far, the children have been observing social distancing, this does remain a big concern for us at TDMS. Children naturally find it very difficult to maintain social distancing when not being monitored.

**We do not, however, want parents dropping off and collecting their children in large numbers as this will make social distancing even more difficult to achieve.** We will, therefore, constantly remind the children of the very real risks of further transmission of the virus, if they do not stay apart and we would ask that you insist upon the same, so we are all delivering the same message.

**Any parent/carer that does decide to pick up their child will need to socially distance outside the designated entrance/exit for their child. Please do avoid picking up your child unless you believe it to be essential.**

Children will need to make their way quickly and directly home and not hang around for their friends. We have been asked to try to minimise our need for public transport, as there are major demands from the much younger children and certain other schools which are really reliant on it.

**9. What happens if my child falls ill during the day?**

Your child will be taken to an area where they can be kept isolated. You will be contacted immediately with a view to getting your child collected as a matter of urgency or to obtain your permission for your child to make their own way home.

**Parents must not send their child into school if they feel unwell.**

**Please ensure we have up to date emergency numbers when you complete the form.**

**10. What do I need to do next?**

**If your child is in Year 6, and has not yet been attending, it is essential that you complete the form (Yes/No) using the link <https://forms.gle/jP19fBt71zFELbNw6>**


**Please return by 4 p.m. on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at the latest to enable us to plan fully.**

This form confirms:

- a) Your child will/will not be travelling by bike/scooter
- b) Your understanding regarding getting to/from school
- c) Your understanding regarding lunch, uniform, bags, books, stationery
- d) Your understanding regarding liability for mobiles, bikes, scooters
- e) Your understanding that the school reserves the right to send your child home if they ignore reminders regarding social distancing and/or if your child's behaviour is such that it places themselves or any others at risk of harm

Please do continue to take care and remember we are here to support you and your child through this difficult time.

Yours sincerely



Guy Nichols