



# The De Montfort School

UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL

2 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to begin by thanking you for your support over the past 12 months and for the foreseeable future. As a school we are continuing to follow the government guidance and are working to do everything we can to ensure that our students are supported and safe.

Looking ahead to September, we are planning to continue with the current model of year group bubbles until we hear differently from the government. This will mean that students will remain in the same location for the majority of their lessons. However, use of our specialist rooms for practical subjects, such as music, technology, drama and science, will be used wherever possible. Specialist rooms will be used in combination with protocols for moving around the site and an enhanced cleaning rota to ensure that students remain safe. We will provide more information regarding the specific arrangements and year group areas shortly.

As we did in March, there may be a requirement for students to complete a number of tests before returning to school in September. Testing will be completed in the same way as we did in March. We are looking at various models with a focus on ensuring getting students into school as quickly and as safely as possible. As soon as we have received confirmation from the government, we will confirm the start of term arrangements for testing.

Our remote learning offer next year will remain very similar to this year. If groups of students are required to work from home, students will receive a mixture of live online lessons and off-screen tasks for them to complete. Individual students will be provided with a mixture of online and off-screen tasks to complete. All remote lessons and work will continue to be set via Google Classroom. Further information about our remote education offer can be found on our website.

As of next year, we will be returning to our normal times for the school day. School will begin at 9.00am and finish at 3.30pm. Moving forward, the majority of lessons will be 60 minutes long. Hour lessons are better for student concentration as well as supporting learning as subject time, although shorter, will be more frequent.

From September, the day will be as follows:

9.00am – 9.10am	Registration session	
9.10am – 10.10am	Lesson 1	
10.10am – 11.10am	Lesson 2	
11.10am – 11.30am	Break	
11.30am – 12.30pm	Lesson 3	
12.30pm – 1.00pm	Years 6,7 & 8 - Lunchtime	Years 9,10,11,12 & 13 - Tutor lesson
1.00pm – 1.30pm	Years 6,7 & 8 - Tutor lesson	Years 9,10,11,12 & 13 - Lunchtime
1.30pm – 2.30pm	Lesson 4	
2.30pm – 3.30pm	Lesson 5	

Students will be supported at the start of the day during registration to make sure they are ready and organised for their day. The 30 minute tutor session during the day will be used for a variety of activities ranging from intervention sessions, effective learning and revision strategies, and assemblies. We will write to you in September to confirm the tutor programme for your son/daughter.

Yours sincerely



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