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Dear Parent/Carer,

South Derbyshire Support Centre will be undertaking wider opening following Government guidance from Monday 1st June 2020.

The Government guidance requests Alternative Provisions to follow the same plan as mainstream schools of opening to year 6, 10 and 11 pupils.

I have spoken to all year 6, 10 and 11 parents about the planned wider opening and we currently have 2 year 6 pupils returning and 10 year 10 and 11 pupils. The further plans for wider opening will be as follows.

Year 6 pupils will return on Monday 1st June 2020 and will be in school from 10:00 to 14:00. Desks in the classroom have been spaced two metres apart to ensure social distancing as we can. There will be a broad and balanced curriculum for year 6 pupils and they will mainly be using laptops, which they will take out and return to the laptop charger each day. They will also wipe them down with anti-bacterial wipes, which will then be disposed of. Pupil's will also have their own pencil case and some paper. Pupils will also need to bring their own lunch with them, which they will eat at their desk and keep with them throughout the day. We will also be using the outdoor space when possible as it is thought that there is less risk when people are outside.

Year 10 and 11 pupils will also be returning on Monday 1st June but in a different way with one to one tutorial's with class teachers and their keyworker, on a rotational basis, moving between classrooms and staff. I will be in touch with the time and date of your child's tutorial. The purpose of the tutorials is to show the pupils how to use Microsoft Teams, discuss the work that has been set, talk about Alternative Provision options or post 16 education and then discuss the work on future tutorial sessions. Pupils will also see their keyworkers to discuss how things have been during lockdown.

We have implemented the following recommendations to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus:

- All classrooms have been spaced out to allow 2 metre social distancing, which is the recommended space needed to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus.
- There will be anti-bacterial hand sanitizer inside the entrance door which we will expect all pupils to use when they enter the building.
- There will be anti-bacterial hand sanitizer in each classroom.
- There will also be disposable latex gloves in each classroom for when staff and pupils need to pass items to each other. These gloves will then be disposed of once they have been used.
- We will be using laptops for pupils to work on when they are in the centre. The laptops will be wiped down before and after each use with anti-bacterial wipes, which will then be disposed of.
- Staff who are meeting with KS4 pupils will wipe down the table and chair after pupils have left the room, using anti-bacterial wipes or anti-bacterial spray and paper towels.
- We will have lidded pedal bins in each classroom to dispose of used tissues. These will be emptied regularly throughout the day.
- Classroom and hallway doors will be propped open, where safe to do so, to reduce contact with often touched surfaces.
- We have not put one-way systems in place at the centre due to the layout of the building. Although 2 metre social distancing is the recommended space required, the risk is vastly reduced when passing someone in a corridor, as long as people do not stop to talk. This will be where some of the pinch points are. We will go through this with all pupils when they attend the centre for the first time.
- Pupils will be reminded to wash their hands for 20 seconds with running water and soap regularly and to dry them thoroughly.
- We will be using the disabled toilet for pupils or staff who become unwell with Coronavirus symptoms of a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell. If a pupil or a member of staff develops these symptoms, they will be expected to go home as soon as possible. They should then be tested for Coronavirus and then let the Headteacher know the outcome of the result.
- Pupils and staff will not be expected to wear uniform or professional dress as we need to ensure that clean clothes are worn each day. If that means wearing a mix of uniform some days and non-uniform on others, that is fine, as long as they are clean each day.
- We will try to use outdoor space when possible as it is felt that there is less risk when outside rather than inside. For sessions that are taking place indoors, windows and door will be open to allow ventilation.

Whilst we are undertaking a wider opening plan for schools, this will depend on staffing availability including childcare and illness or absence. This means that this might change on a daily basis and you will be informed of any changes as soon as possible.

For any pupils that do not follow our expectations and show challenging behavior including putting themselves, other pupils or staff at risk, there is a high chance that they will not be able to return to the school until things are back to normal. This will form part of our risk assessment on safely re-opening and wider opening as required by the Government.

I would like to thank you for your patience during this global pandemic and it has been a learning curve for us all. It has been nice speaking to you all each week and hearing the brilliant things you have been doing as families and for those who are completing the work we sent out, we're all very proud of you. Remember there is lots of work on our online platform on Microsoft Teams as well as My Maths and TT Rockstars. IF you need any log in details for the online platforms, please email enquiries@sdsc.derbyshire.sch.uk or visit this page for Office 365 password re-set <https://www.sdsc.derbyshire.sch.uk/office-365>

Whilst we look forward to welcoming some pupils back next week, I need to make it clear that we have done our best to ensure pupils and staff can return to a safe environment, I cannot guarantee that everyone will be 100% safe as this is a still largely unknown virus and people can have it before they start showing any signs or symptoms.

If you have any questions please email me at dodonovan@sdsc.derbyshire.sch.uk or call the centre mobile on 07871 740 573.

Yours sincerely



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