



## DEAN TRUST Wigan

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2 October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.

We would like to provide you with an overview of our key focus areas this week whilst the school has been closed.

Our first priority was to ensure that there was online learning in place for our pupils and that they were able to access it using a laptop or tablet. We have tried to contact all our families to ask whether our pupils have a laptop or tablet to use during the school day. May I please ask that, if your child does not have an appropriate device to access online learning, that you contact school via email [office@deantrustwigan.co.uk](mailto:office@deantrustwigan.co.uk) or by phone 01942 511987. If your child has a device but is struggling to logon or locate the work please also let us know.

On Tuesday, we arranged for a specialist company to sanitise the school site through a 'deep fogging'.

May we take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Wigan Council who have provided excellent support to the school, including arranging access for all staff to a COVID-19 test which has informed our planning for reopening.

We have taken this time to conduct several health and safety site walks and to re-evaluate our systems, practices and behaviours. We have been encouraged with the measures we have in place but have also identified areas where we can make further improvements.

We are now in a position to feel confident that we can re-open the school to our pupils using a phased approach which reflects the return of our staff who have been self-isolating. Our plan is:

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – Year 7s return (with the exception of the form group 7L who have been self-isolating. 7L return to school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020.)
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – 'Step Out' group return.
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – Year 9s return.
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – Year 8, Year 10 and Year 11 return.

Please note that we will contact you should any changes to the plan need to be made.

We feel privileged to be working within such a fantastic community and we thank you once more for your ongoing support.

Wishing you and your families health and happiness.

*Andrew Shakos*

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