

Dear Parents/ Guardian

The wider opening of the Schools this term.

Following the very successful partial reopening of the junior school this half term, I am delighted to confirm that we are now able to open the Schools more widely for the final days of this term in line with current government guidelines. These are, of course, subject to change but it is worth noting the current situation as that has informed our decision making, not least as the Schools' insurers require us to follow the government's guidance if our policies are to remain valid. The key points of the guidance are as follows:

- Schools should continue to provide for the children of Key Workers as they have been throughout the period of partial closure
- Schools should ensure that social distancing is in place and that a 2 metre distance between pupils and staff should be observed as far as is practically possible taking account of pupils' ages and social development
- Junior schools have been encouraged to make provision for children in those year groups which have not already spent time in school this term
- In senior schools, only pupils in Years 10 and 12 may return to school this term and the total number of pupils in school at any one time should not exceed 25% of the combined Year 10 and 12 cohort.

Given those stipulations - and the fact that pupils in the senior Schools are completing internal examinations until Friday 19 June - we have arranged a programme of activities for pupils in Years 2-5, Year 10 and Year 12 for the week beginning 22 June until the end of term, details of which follow. **As ever, pupils should certainly not come into school if they, or any members of their household, are showing symptoms of the virus. Please could I remind all parents that the Schools should immediately be notified if any member of a household is showing symptoms of the virus via absence@dameallans.co.uk**

I am acutely conscious that we are unable to offer these opportunities to pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9; unfortunately our hands are tied by the government's regulations. We are exploring the possibility of some face to face meetings with individual pupils and, of course, our distance learning programme will continue as it has to date.

Given the weight of detailed instructions in this communication, I shall limit any wider comment here to thanking all of you for your continued support and understanding through the course of the current crisis. I shall write again in wider terms before the end of term.

Years 2-5

Please note that if your child is already booked in to our provision for children of Key Workers, there is no requirement to complete further forms.

Following the obvious benefit that the return to school has brought to children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and Year 6 since 1 June, we are anxious to give children in Years 2-5 an opportunity to spend a little time in school before the end of term. It will provide them with an opportunity for some social integration before the summer holiday: they will be able to enjoy some time with friends and teachers. However, it will also give them a chance to prepare themselves for the transition into the next year group and ask any questions they may have.

In order to reduce class sizes and maintain the best degree of social distancing possible throughout the day, the children will be organised into groups or 'bubbles' which may be smaller than their usual class size and may not be in their usual classroom (apart from Year 2 classes which are small enough to become single bubbles). Because of the number of groups necessary, the children may not be with all of their friends. Movement around the school during the day will be kept to a minimum.

Classes have been divided where necessary and groups will attend school at the times shown below:

Class	Surnames beginning	Day	Time
2AS	A - Z	Mondays 22 & 29 June	0830 - 1430
2EH	A - Z	Mondays 22 & 29 June	0830 - 1430
3RJ	A - H inclusive	Tuesdays 23 & 30 June	0830 - 1430
3RJ	J - W inclusive	Wednesdays 24 June & 1 July	0830 - 1430
3LF	A - G inclusive	Tuesdays 23 & 30 June	0830 - 1430
3LF	H - W inclusive	Wednesdays 24 June & 1 July	0830 - 1430
4PT	A - M inclusive	Tuesdays 23 & 30 June	0830 - 1430
4PT	R - W inclusive	Wednesdays 24 June & 1 July	0830 - 1430

4SM	A - J inclusive	Tuesdays 23 & 30 June	0830 - 1430
4SM	L - W inclusive	Wednesdays 24 June & 1 July	0830 - 1430
5CH	A - Gi inclusive	Mondays 22 & 29 June	0830 - 1430
5CH	Gh - W inclusive	Tuesdays 23 & 30 June	0830 - 1430
5RW	A - G inclusive	Mondays 22 & 29 June	0830 - 1430
5RW	J - W inclusive	Tuesdays 23 & 30 June	0830 - 1430
5TP	A - K inclusive	Mondays 22 & 29 June	0830 - 1430
5TP	L - W inclusive	Tuesdays 23 & 30 June	0830 - 1430

We do not require children to wear school uniform. We recommend appropriate clothing eg. shorts/joggers/leggings and a t-shirt with trainers as we hope that they can spend some time outside. Any jackets should be kept on the back of the child's seat during the day. As ever, please ensure that all clothes are clearly labelled. Your child's class teacher will send further information about what they would like the children to bring into school on their appointed day.

Lunches will be provided by our catering staff: packed lunches will be delivered to classrooms. As lunches weren't charged for this term, you will receive an invoice for lunches at the end of term (£3 per day).

A full set of guidance is attached to this letter.

Please could I ask you to complete the following Google form to indicate whether you wish to take advantage of this further reopening by 12noon on Wednesday 17th June.

<https://forms.gle/G3hadYnVgfm4Q7q47>

Yours faithfully

Dr JR Hind

Principal of Dame Allan's Schools