



## Week Gone/Week Ahead - 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 Centre Academy London

Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff,

I could not be more pleased with our start of term so far. Staff and students have been coping amazingly with this very different way of working – and I appreciate how difficult it has been to cope with the increased anxiety and stress. Our last pod started back this week and so we are now going to begin the transition from part to full days.

I know we have already sent individual details regarding how timings will change over the coming weeks and these might be adapted slightly based on feedback – we will let you know as soon as possible if this is the case. For instance, we have taken on board that our change to arrival times has, inadvertently, ensured our start time coincides with that of other local schools. This means that the change has not alleviated traffic problems as intended! If there are any other changes we have made to timings, timetables or schedules you feel are not working as intended, please do call us. While we will not be able to solve all issues, it will allow us to take everyone's views into account when considering changes.

In our last Newsletter I began setting out some more information about how we are organising both the Building and our Procedures to promote the safety of our community. Having already set out the School's rules on social distancing and sanitising, I would like to set out more information about Covid-19 symptoms and what will happen should a member of our community develop any of the following:

- a continuous cough,
- a high temperature, or
- loss/change to the sense of taste or smell.

If at school, the person will be sent home:

- parents/carers will be called to arrange pick-up
- if parents/carers are not contactable, emergency contacts will then be called to make these arrangements

If at home, the person should not come to school:

- The School Office should be contacted
- Government guidelines should be followed (see below)
- If you are not able to cope with the symptoms at home, dial 111
- In an emergency dial 999

### **Upcoming Dates**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September:  
HSD Class Returns

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday  
30<sup>th</sup> October 2020:  
Half Term

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December:  
End of Term

The government guidelines for those with COVID-19 symptoms, and their household, can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

- This sets out that they must:
  - Self-isolate for 10 days
  - Arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

Any student who is at home due to self-isolation, assuming they are well enough, will have work sent from teachers either through TEAMS or their e-mail account. Please be aware that even with a negative test, students who have had COVID-19 symptoms will not be able to return until after their 10-day isolation.

If any member of the community has:

- been contacted through the Track and Trace programme
- has returned from a non-airbridge country
- has someone in their household with a positive COVID-19 test or COVID-19 symptoms

they should call the school before they next come into the building. It is likely that they will also have to self-isolate prior to returning.

We hope that this information clarifies the School's position and continues to reassure parents and carers that we are doing everything possible to protect our students and staff.

I would like to wish you all a safe and relaxing weekend,

Regards,

Miss Maddison

## Miss Louis' Masks!

Several students have expressed wonderment about the idea of printing their own masks – based partly on the range of pictures and designs that Miss Louis has been sporting!

I know that there are many companies that are advertising this option at the moment – a brief search online will bring up choices; however, the company that Miss Louis has used is the following:

<https://www.my-picture.co.uk/home-lifestyle/custom-face-mask.jsf>