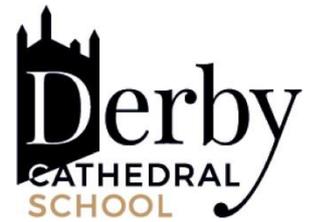


Derby Cathedral School

Newsletter

September 2021



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back to the new school year. It's an incredibly busy and exciting time for us all with the move to our new site. As I emailed recently, students have coped incredibly well with all of the changes they're experiencing. The school move has been a huge undertaking for all of us. I do thank you for your patience with us too. It's a fine balancing act with giving you the information that you need but not swamping parents/carers either.

This newsletter is designed to give you some key pieces of information all in one place so that you don't receive too many emails about separate situations. Please do take some time to read through them.

We are really looking forward to putting on events for parents to be able to come and see the building. We have to run the year 6 open evening first as the deadline for their school admissions is soon. We will be advertising dates for parents of existing students to visit. These will be organised for each year group so that you can hear some key information about your child's experience in that year and then have the opportunity for a tour. Again, please bear with us as we are still extremely busy and need to calendar these events to make sure they are manageable. We will provide dates in the near future.

Our seventh session activities begin on Monday. A big thank you to all staff for their time on these. We are aiming for every student to participate in at least one every week. This will enrich their school experience and provide wider opportunities for them.

We have also had a few questions about the service in the dining room. After the first two days, this has become a much quicker process and there is no queue for the last 10-15 minutes of every lunch service. There is also plenty of food and seating. If your child is still struggling with this time, please do let their form tutor know.

We also have just been informed by the government that schools will be used to host vaccinations for 12-15 year olds. Please be aware that we have no part in deciding or influencing consent for these and school staff do not take part in the administration of these vaccines. Schools host the vaccination team who do all of the work related to the actual vaccinations. I am aware that there will be a wide range of emotions and wishes amongst parents about this. You will be asked to give consent using an electronic platform (see relevant item in newsletter). This will determine whether your child has a vaccine or not. Some parents have already emailed over this matter but please be aware that we cannot make any decisions about whether a child has a vaccine or not. Therefore it is really important that you provide the relevant consent according to your wishes and that of your child.

Schools will also be hosting the flu vaccinations for all year groups. Again, these are organised by the NHS school vaccinations teams.

In our next newsletter we will have more information about updates related to learning. This edition is purely for useful information at the start of term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support for your children and the school. It makes such a difference and we are all really proud to belong to our fantastic community.

Yours faithfully
Mrs Brown
Headteacher

**A message
from the
Headteacher**

Notices

Traffic

Thank you to all parents using cars to site. Traffic continues to have settled down and the pick-up and drop-offs seem very smooth. Thank you to all parents for your patience and for giving us some encouraging and positive feedback as we've tweaked the process. Please note that Sudbury Road (opposite school) is an access only road. We are still waiting to hear conformation of the dates of the local roadworks and will inform parents/carers as soon as we hear.

School Photographs

Jane Stapleton School Photography: Friday 24 September 2021

Our annual school photographers will be visiting on Friday 24 September. Students will this year be able to have their images taken with siblings. Proofs and details of how to purchase will be sent direct to your home address.

Medication in School

If your child requires long or short term medication to be taken in school including an Epipen or Asthma Inhaler, please inform the school office straight away so that we may complete the necessary consent forms and store their medication accordingly. Many thanks.

Seventh Session

Seventh session activities begin week beginning Monday 20th September. They run from 3.05 – 4pm and students will be expected to stay for the whole session. All students have been given a paper copy of these and the timetable has been emailed home. This will be put on the school website so please check for updates during the school term.

Coronavirus Updates

Our risk assessment and outbreak management plan documents are available on our website. Students are encouraged to take two lateral flow tests each week. If they haven't been given one in school and you would like to take these tests, they are available from many places in the community including pharmacies.

For those who take the LFD tests, you will have received an email about our school being chosen as a quality assurance school. This means students/staff will take a PCR tests at home in order for the government to check the accuracy of the LFD tests. All information is in the email; please do get in touch with us if you have any further questions.

ClassCharts

Please make sure that you have signed up to the Clascharts app. Many parents have given us positive feedback about being able to see the rewards and sanctions each day.

Vaccinations

Covid Vaccinations

Please see below a letter from DCHST Immunisation Team regarding the covid vaccination programme:

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following national guidance we will be offering the Covid-19 vaccination to young people age 12 – 15 and will be continuing to use the e-consent as with other vaccine programmes. The flu vaccination is a separate form so please ensure you complete both consent forms if you wish your child to be vaccinated.

Children must be 12 on the day of vaccination. Please only complete the consent form if your child will be aged 12-15 on the day of vaccination.

Please visit <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/Covid> to complete the consent form.

Your unique school code for **Derby Cathedral School** is **DC143734**

Please be aware that due to storage requirements of the vaccine the team will need to know the number of vaccines needed in advance and therefore the consent system will close 24 hours prior to the session in school. If your school session is on a Monday, the form will close the Friday before.

For more information about the vaccination please visit [COVID-19 Vaccination - A guide for children and young people](#)

If you experience any problems completing the consent form or would like further information please call the School Age Immunisation Team as below.

Repton Health Centre: 01283 707178

Clay Cross Hospital: 01246 252953

Or email us DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net



Flu Vaccinations

Update from DCHST Immunisation team regarding Flu Vaccinations:

For the school year starting September 2021 we will be continuing with the e-consent for the Flu Programme. This year we will be offering the Nasal Flu vaccination to children in **Years; 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11**. **When completing the e-consent please state the year group your child will be in at the beginning of the school year September 2021**. Please visit <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu> to complete the consent form.

If you wish to decline the Flu spray due to the porcine element we may now be able to offer an alternative injectable Flu vaccine that does not contain porcine. Please complete the consent form as a decline (due to porcine) and we will then contact you to arrange vaccination. For more information please contact the team as below.

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For more information about the vaccination please visit our website:

<https://www.derbyshirefamilyhealthservice.nhs.uk/our-services/5-19-years/school-age-immunisations>

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Daily Uniform and Equipment

It is great to see so many of our students looking incredibly smart and ready for learning each day. Please make sure that your child/children are well-prepared with the following items. We expect all students to have all necessary equipment with them every day.

They must have:

- A pencil case
- Pens: blue, black and purple
- pencils
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Pencil sharpener
- Whiteboard pen
- Reading book
- Yellow home learning book

Safeguarding

Please see our safeguarding leaflet that is attached to this email. It is also available on the school website.

The following helplines give support and advice on a number of issues including personal safety, anti-bullying mental health and well-being.

Childline: 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk

NSPCC – 0800 028 3550 www.nspcc.org.uk

Samaritans – 116 123

Shout – www.giveusashout.org Text Shout to 85258 This is a text helpline for anyone feeling anxious, worried or stressed and needing to talk to someone about it.

Kooth – www.kooth.com This is an online counselling service for young people

Relate counselling – 0808 178 9363 (free helpline for couples, children and those affected by Autistic Spectrum Condition. Available: Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.00am – 1.00pm. The helpline gives people the opportunity to speak directly to an experienced Relate trained counsellor, without having to make an appointment. For further information contact 01332 349177 or 07741193484 or email info@relatederby.org.uk
www.relatederby.org.uk

LGBT+ Support – <https://www.derbyshirelgbt.org.uk/>

Online Safety Parent Support www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/11-13s/

Free School Meals

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If you think that you are eligible for Free School Meals, please visit the Derby City Council website and complete an application form as soon as possible. Details can be found at:

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

Trent Barton Transport

Now that 21/22 school year has started Trent Barton have created a handy guide that shows their up to date mango app and saver passes options, which are the simplest and easiest way for students to pay for bus travel.



You're all sorted for the new academic year, bag packed, full pencil case, but how are you getting there? **trentbarton** run regular buses across the East Midlands with great features, like free WiFi and USB chargers.

Click [here](#) for our latest timetables, or use our [handy map](#) to find your nearest service.

We've also got a range of payment options, so you can get the best value fares, with great discounts for students.



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- scan on, scan off and we'll do the rest
- pay as you go travel
- instantly top-up from anywhere

Save money on your travel with a range of discounts, as well as access to the caps below, meaning no matter how often you travel you'll spend no more than:

young people (aged 18 & under)
£4 a day **£20** over 7 days **£60** over 28 days
£8.20 a day (if travelling before 9am Mon-Fri or using nightbus)

[download mango from the App or Play Store](#)



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Derby	£ 616
trentbarton land*	£ 826

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