

# Dormers Wells High School

## MATHS AND COMPUTING SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are safe and well.

I am writing to you concerning our full opening of school in September.

Schools, as expected, will need to put in place a range of protective measures to minimise risk and we are working to ensure our school is safe for all students and staff and a smooth a transition back to school.

[Click here](#) to view a very important document from the government regarding what you need to know. I would urge you to read it in full.

Firstly, I want to reassure you that the school intends to offer the full national curriculum as we have always done, but we are also conscious that many pupils will be feeling insecure about coming back to school especially if they feel they are behind in their work. Over the year, we will be putting in place a wide range of “recovery” actions and interventions to ensure this is not the case. We will also be here to support parents as we appreciate you may have also had an extremely difficult time over the last few months.

The school will need to operate very differently as per the government and public health guidance and we must ask for your full co-operation with this. Below are the key points which you need to sit down with your child to discuss:

1. Schools are expected to deliver provision in “year group bubbles” – this essentially means that students must not mix with anyone from other year groups even at break and lunchtime. As a result, we will have different year groups starting at different times and entering and exiting via different gates. We appreciate this may be difficult for siblings. **Please appreciate this measure is in place to prevent whole school closures if there are confirmed cases in any particular year group with instead only one-year group having to isolate in such circumstance.**
2. Years 7 and 8 will be taught in their tutor groups for all lessons apart from English, mathematics and science.
3. Year 9, 10 and 11 will operate in a full year bubble to ensure breadth of curriculum and option choices.
4. Students will not be allowed on site before the allocated start time of either 8.40am (Years 7, 8 & 9) or 8.55 am (Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form), and we will unfortunately not be able to operate our usual facility of the early opening of the library and canteen.
5. Break times will be staggered with different year groups at different times and they will only be allowed in certain areas of the school including one dining area plus one section of outdoor space.
6. We are asking that where possible you ask your child to bring in a packed lunch, as although the canteen will be serving some food, it will not be the usual range and we need to avoid queuing where we can.
7. Lessons will run as normal with some adaptations for practical subjects. However, there will be strict seating plans and students will need to sit facing forwards in the classrooms where possible. They will not be allowed to breach a 2-metre distance from their teacher who will be teaching from the front.



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8. Currently students are not recommended to wear face masks in school but must wear them if they use public transport (please see important message about public transport at the end of this letter). They must follow the school's advice which reflects Public Health England's about safe removal.
9. Students must wear full school uniform. If any parents are experiencing difficulties with purchasing, please let us know and we will try to support.

We fully appreciate that students will find some of the measures above challenging. We will be as supportive as we possibly can be in the transition period – however, we cannot compromise on health and safety, and as a result the behaviour policy will be amended to take account of these changes and persistent breaches will lead to students being sanctioned in line with the new policy. [Click here to read the amended behaviour for learning policy.](#)

### In terms of enhanced safety measures:

1. There will be enhanced cleaning across the school site.
2. A requirement that all staff and students/parents take part in the "Track and Trace" system. For more information, see the government guidance. All students and staff will be eligible for testing and it is vital that this is taken advantage of in order to manage this virus and minimise disruption to the school.
3. School trips will not be able to take place for the foreseeable future, but we still hope to be able to offer an adapted range of enrichment activities.
4. If you or anyone in your household has Covid symptoms, your child must not attend school – in such cases your child will be provided with remote learning. Please alert the school immediately by sending a message via MyEd.
5. Please ensure you read the new advice on shielding which will pause on August 1st and therefore the expectation is that all students will return to school unless they are under the care of a health professional who will advise further. If this applies to your child, please ensure you let us know the contact details for the health professional via Ms Rana on [jrana@dwhs.co.uk](mailto:jrana@dwhs.co.uk).

I need to talk to you directly about the use of public transport. We appreciate that some students need to use public transport and we will try to prioritise them in queuing for the buses at the end of the school day. However, I need to warn you that public transport will be extremely restricted and that buses simply will not stop if there are too many students at the bus stop. They have a very low limit of numbers allowed on the bus at a time and at the time of writing this letter they have no intention of putting on extra buses. It is completely acceptable whilst it is still light in the afternoons and early evening for students to walk to school if the journey is around 30 – 45 minutes. The school also has ample bicycle storage. We are staggering the end of the school day to help this situation, but it will not fully resolve it. The school will be prioritising students with the longest or most complex journeys when permitting them to go onto the bus.

Finally, we plan to operate our usual staggered start of the school year with different year groups attending on different days in the first full week back before the normal timetable commences.



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| Date   | YG | Start time                 | End time | Entrance   |
|--|----|----------------------------|----------|--|
| <b>Thursday</b><br>3 <sup>rd</sup> September | 7  | 8.30am 7AZ, 7BG, 7DA, 7KA  | 3pm      | Main gate (Allenby Road)                             |
|  |    | 9.00am 7JS, 7MH, 7PE, 7MB  | 3.15pm   |  |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>3 <sup>rd</sup> September | 12 | 11am SGU, SFC, SME         | 1pm      | Dormers Wells Lane entrance                          |
|  |    | 11.15am SHB, SJA, SJB, SME | 1.15pm   |  |
|  |    | 11.30am SPT, SRO, SWR      | 1.30pm   |  |
| <b>Friday</b><br>4 <sup>th</sup> September   | 7  | 8.45am<br>All form groups  | 3.15pm   | Park Gate entrance (by Dormers Wells Leisure Centre) |
|  | 8  | 8.45am                     | 11am     | Main Gate (Allenby Road)                             |
|  | 9  | 8.45am                     | 11am     | Dormers Wells Lane entrance (carpark entrance)       |
|  | 10 | 11.30am                    | 1.30pm   | Park Entrance (by Dormers Wells Leisure Centre)      |
|  | 11 | 11.30am                    | 1.30pm   | Main Gate (Allenby Road)                             |
|  | 12 | 9am                        | 1.15pm   | Dormers Wells Lane entrance (carpark entrance)       |
|  | 13 | 9am                        | 11am     | Dormers Wells Lane entrance (carpark entrance)       |
| <b>Monday</b><br>7 <sup>th</sup> September   | 7  | 8.45am                     | 3pm      | Park Gate entrance (by Dormers Wells Leisure Centre) |
|  | 8  | 8.45am                     | 3pm      | Main Gate (Allenby Road)                             |
|  | 9  | 8.45am                     | 3pm      | Dormers Wells Lane entrance (carpark entrance)       |
|  | 10 | 9am                        | 3.15pm   | Dormers Wells Lane entrance (carpark entrance)       |
|  | 11 | 9am                        | 3.15pm   | Main Gate (Allenby Road)                             |
|  | 12 | 9am                        | 3.15pm   | Dormers Wells Lane entrance (carpark entrance)       |
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Again, I want to stress that we are here to support at all times but can only operate within the current government and public health guidance. It has been an immensely challenging time and more challenges are to come – however, I have every confidence that students coming back to school, and having as near a normal experience as possible, is in their absolute best interests.

I hope you all have a much-deserved summer break.



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Yours faithfully,

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 Headteacher

Below are your form rooms for September start.

| YEAR 7 |       |
|--------|-------|
| 7AZ    | HUM 1 |
| 7BG    | HUM 2 |
| 7KA    | HUM 3 |
| 7MH    | HUM 4 |
| 7DA    | HUM 5 |
| 7JS    | HUM 6 |
| 7PE    | HUM 7 |
| 7MB    | HUM 8 |

| YEAR 8         |       |
|----------------|-------|
| 8PL            | MAT 1 |
| 8JN            | MAT 2 |
| 8HD            | MAT 3 |
| 8HR            | MAT 4 |
| 8PG (were 7AI) | MAT 5 |
| 8HY            | MAT 6 |
| 8HS            | MAT 7 |
| 8SY            | MAT 8 |

| YEAR 9 |       |
|--------|-------|
| 9AM    | SCI 1 |
| 9FN    | SCI 2 |
| 9HN    | SCI 3 |
| 9KX    | SCI 4 |
| 9ML    | SCI 5 |
| 9MU    | SCI 6 |
| 9SN    | SCI 7 |
| 9TE    | SCI 8 |

| YEAR 10         |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| 10AL            | MFL 3 |
| 10PC            | MFL 4 |
| 10DM            | MFL 5 |
| 10SM (were 9KN) | MAT 9 |
| 10SL            | MUS 1 |
| 10DE            | MUS 2 |
| 10PD            | DRA 2 |
| 10GC            | DRA 3 |

| YEAR 11 |       |
|---------|-------|
| 11BN    | ENG 1 |
| 11BT    | ENG 2 |
| 11DH    | ENG 3 |
| 11EB    | ENG 4 |
| 11GD    | ENG 5 |
| 11HA    | ENG 6 |
| 11LI    | ENG 7 |
| 11PW    | ENG 8 |
|         |       |
|         |       |

| YEAR 12/13     |       |
|----------------|-------|
| SDU            | ICT 1 |
| SFC            | ICT 3 |
| SGU            | ART 1 |
| SHB            | ICT 2 |
| SJA (were SCS) | TEC 1 |
| SJB (were SBG) | TEC 4 |
| SME            | BIS 1 |
| SPT            | BIS 2 |
| SRO            | HSC   |
| SWR            | ART 3 |



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