

Monday 2 November 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians & Students,

Following Saturday's news of a nationwide lockdown in England from Thursday 5 November 2020, I would like to remind families of the measures and changes we have in place at DLD College London. Our top priority continues to be the health, safety and wellbeing of our students and staff. We all strongly believe the immense value in continuing the education of our children and I am pleased that we will continue to remain open and fully operational.

Please note:

- Face masks/coverings must be worn in all areas of the school sites at all times, except during lessons and in the Global Kitchen restaurant and Grumpy Mule Coffee Shop
- Students must continue to wash their hands and sanitise regularly using the hand sanitiser stations and dispensers located throughout College.
- Students must socially distance where possible and respect each other's spaces, particularly during break and lunchtimes.
- All students are to wear face masks/coverings on all forms of public transport
- Visitors to College will be by appointment only and all teacher/parent meetings will be held online.
- Staff will no longer be holding departmental /faculty meetings together and all meetings over three people will be held on-line, either via Zoom or Teams.

The Government has stated that schools are to remain open and to operate as they have done since re-opening in August. We also believe that face-to-face education and continuity is a priority and will remain open until the unlikely event that we are instructed to work remotely. Our staff will be working with students to ensure they are prepared for any transition to remote learning. As per Government guidance, students should continue to attend DLD College London and make full use of the opportunities for learning and growth. Teaching and learning, wellbeing and support services for our students will continue as they have been since September and I hope that this remains the same until the end of term.

Reporting illness

If your son/daughter is absent due to illness, please could you inform their Personal Tutor (PT) immediately and the Attendance Officer <u>attendance@dld.org</u>. We would be grateful if you could confirm the nature and symptoms of the illness in the email. The Attendance Officer or your son's/daughter's Personal Tutor may call you to clarify this information and consider any further actions to be taken. A useful illness flow chart for decision making is available here.

As a community, we will work together to continue to provide stability for our students and staff so that we can all continue to teach and learn safely and securely. Thank you for your continued support during this challenging time and I hope that you all remain safe and well.

Regards,

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