



# Cavendish Connect



The Cavendish High Academy Newsletter / Autumn 2020

## Dear Parents & Carers,

A very, very warm welcome back to the autumn term. It has been lovely to see your sons and daughters arrive this morning to go to their new classes and start the return to a new normal for us all. It is wonderful to have the school as it should be, full of young people once again.

### Reassurance

We would like to reassure you that we have re-opened with a number of measures in place to help protect everyone in our community:

- Where possible we are encouraging and maintaining 2m distancing.
- On arrival at school students are encouraged and supported to remove their face covering and sanitise their hands.
- There are distinct department bubbles to minimise crossover within the school.
- Break times and lunch times are spent within the same class/department bubbles and there is staggered time for access to the playground.
- Lunchtimes - LFLD, MFLD, UFLD in the Bungalow and FEDS Classes will have their lunch in their department class rooms. UFLD will have their lunch in the cyber cafe area which will only be used by them during lunchtime.
- Every student has been provided with their own pencil case filled with pens/pencils etc to minimise any sharing of equipment.
- There are named chairs and tables for individual workspaces and limited numbers of students will share IT equipment e.g. two or three named students per computer, which will be sanitised regularly.

### Curriculum

Health and well-being and communication are our focus across the school for this half-term. Ensuring that your children are happy and settled and in the best possible place to begin learning at school again.

For the time being there will be no minibus trips put into the community. We will risk assess this after half term depending upon local, regional and national COVID-19 data and information. The school hydro-pool is currently closed and will remain so for the foreseeable future.

Please could you also ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather/outside temperature because school windows and doors will be open as much as possible to ensure fresh air flow and ventilation in all rooms. Also, weather permitting, we will be having more lessons outside.

### Drop off and pick up

Could I also ask you to please bear with us as we work with our new system for when students both arrive and leave. For the time being parents will drop off and pick up at the sports hall entrance to minimise crossover in the very limited reception area space. Buses and taxis will unload one vehicle at a time until all students are in/out of school, again this is to minimise crossover.

Hopefully your sons and daughters will return home tonight happy after their first day back in school. As we cannot use home school books staff will aim to keep you up to date with what's going on via their class website page or e-mail.

Take care & keep safe,

*Elaine & all the team at Cavendish*



