



11th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the most unprecedented of terms comes to a close; I must start my correspondence to you with the most heartfelt thanks for all that you have done to support the school since our collective return in September. I really appreciate the way that you have adjusted to the many different policies and practices that we have had to introduce in order to keep everybody safe. In addition to my sincere gratitude, I have to comment on just how fabulous our students have been in going about their business in such a calm and considered way. Quite simply...they have been an absolute pleasure to work with.

There are a few changes to our current practices that I need to highlight so that everybody is fully informed of how things will work over the coming weeks. These can be summarised as follows:

Change to train timetables from Monday 14th December 2020

Many thanks to those parents/carers who have made me aware of the change to train timetables which will impact upon our students next week if they travel in from Shoreham or Lancing. As things stand, the 7.55am train from Shoreham (which stops at Lancing) will not stop at East Worthing. The only way around this is for those students to stay on the train to Worthing Central and then get a train back to East Worthing station (which arrives at 8.21am) Clearly this is a big inconvenience to our students and raises safety concerns regarding those students joining a train at Worthing Central which will already have a significant amount of our students (who travel in from West Worthing and beyond) on it. Please rest assured that I have already contacted GTR and will continue to work with them until we can reach a resolution which results in a stop at East Worthing being added to the 7.55am train from Shoreham and Lancing. Any change will take some time; your patience with this is really appreciated and I will keep you informed of progress.

Friday 18th December - Last Day of Term Arrangements

Year 8 & 9 leave at 12.10pm
Year 7, 10 & 11 leave at 12.30pm

These departure times work in conjunction with train departures and the social distancing of year groups.

Trains from East Worthing to Brighton

12.28 (calling at Lancing, Shoreham by Sea, Southwick, Portslade, Aldrington, Hove, Brighton)

12.58 (calling at Lancing, Shoreham by Sea, Southwick, Fishersgate, Portslade, Hove, Brighton)

Trains from East Worthing to Littlehampton

12.22 to Worthing, change at Worthing for the 12.40 (calling at West Worthing, Durrington, Goring, Angmering, Littlehampton)

12.52 to Ford (calling at Worthing, West Worthing, Durrington, Goring, Angmering, Ford), change at Ford for the 13.17 to Littlehampton

All students return to start the Spring Term on Monday 4th January 2021

COVID-19 Update

Please allow me to remind you about re-stocking supplies of hand-sanitiser and face coverings for your daughter. We have really appreciated how well our students have adopted these new temporary COVID-related policies. As we have progressed into the term, we have noticed that the issuing of spare face coverings for those students who have lost/forgotten them has started to rise considerably. As a result of this, we have spent approximately £500, within this Autumn term, on replacements. In view of this, we will be introducing a charge of 50p per face covering to students who require us to supply replacement face coverings. The best way to avoid this is for the students to carry spares in their bags and take great care not to lose masks when they are not wearing them. We have also decided to request that the students wear their face coverings in covered walkways around the school site. This will mainly apply in the Art area as many students can travel in opposite directions under this covered walkway. These new policies will take effect from the start of the Spring term in January. Please discuss them with your daughter so that she is aware upon her return to school after Christmas.

Whilst we are delighted to have had very few cases of COVID-19 within our school community, and the town as a whole, we would like to outline procedures in the event of your daughter showing symptoms or receiving confirmation of a positive test result over the holiday period.

These are summarised in the table below:

Date my child developed symptoms	Should I alert Davison CE High School for Girls?	Information Davison CE High School for Girls will require
Friday 18 th December	Yes, because two days before symptoms started was in term time. Please email <i>covid19@davisonhigh.school</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The last day your daughter was in school.• The date symptoms started.• Date of Covid test.• Date you received Covid test result.
Saturday 19 th December		
Sunday 20 th December		

Monday 21 st December and later	No, because two days before symptoms developed was not in term time.	None
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Changes to Lunchtime and Early-finish rotas

In order to satisfy staggered lunch and 'end of day' arrangements; we have amended our current schedule to ensure that the impact on learning is shared equitably amongst students. From January 4th 2021, we will be changing the rotations for lunch and period 5 as follows:

- Year 7 will finish period 4 at 1.20pm and queue for lunch at the refectory.
- Year 8 will continue to finish period 4 at 1.10pm and queue for lunch at the diner straight away.
- Year 9 will finish period 4 at 1.10pm and queue for lunch at the refectory straight away.
- Year 10 will finish period 4 at 1.20pm and queue for lunch, at the diner, from 1.30pm
- Year 11 will finish period 4 at 1.20pm and queue for lunch at the diner at 1.20pm
- (Years 10 and 11 will swap again at February half-term 2021. Years 7 and 9 will swap again at the start of the summer term 2021.)

Students will leave school at the following times in the Spring term 2021:

Year 7 will leave at 3.00pm

Year 8 will leave at 3.00pm

Year 9 will leave at 3.20pm

Year 10 will leave at 3.20pm

Year 11 will leave at 3.20pm

Students will leave at the following times in the Summer term 2021:

Year 7 will leave at 3.00pm

Year 8 will leave at 3.20pm

Year 9 will leave at 3.00pm

Year 10 will leave at 3.20pm

Year 11 will leave at 3.20pm

Happy retirement!

Very best wishes go to Mr Iain Skea who has been a very highly valued member of our Science Department since 2006! Mr Skea will be retiring from his position at the end of this term. He has been an absolutely fabulous colleague who leaves with our sincere thanks and very best wishes for the future.

Finally...

All that remains is to wish you, your family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Stay safe and 'thank you' once again for your wonderful support throughout the year and particularly this term.

Yours faithfully



Chris Keating
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Davison CE High School for Girls

