



# DEDWORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

Smiths Lane, Windsor, SL4 5PE

Tel: 01753 860561

Email address: [office@dedworthmiddle.co.uk](mailto:office@dedworthmiddle.co.uk)

Web site: [www.dedworthmiddle.co.uk](http://www.dedworthmiddle.co.uk)

Wednesday 2 September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and pupils,

May I take this opportunity again to introduce myself as the new Executive Headteacher of the Dedworth campus and substantive Headteacher of Dedworth Middle School, I am really excited to be here and start this new challenge working closely with you all to make your son/daughter flourish in their Dedworth experience. It has been lovely working with all the staff in the last few days preparing the school for the children's return and we genuinely are excited to welcome them all back into school after such a long time.

We are aware that returning to school after such a long time away is going to be difficult for a lot of our pupils and we are well prepared for the extra support some children may need. We will be doing additional work on their social and emotional learning in their soft starts/finishes to the day as well as ensuring our recovery curriculum covers everything our pupils need. We cannot welcome you as parents on site, as you are aware, so you will see myself and the senior leadership team on the gate every morning to meet and greet the pupils as well as staff all around the site informing the children where they need to go. Please reassure your child this is all in place and no one will get lost! We hope to be able to welcome you as parents into school at some stage but this will be determined by the Government's advice and recommendations. You will also notice all staff are welcoming the children wishing them good morning in sign language – this is part of our culture and children will get used to this and will be expected to do the same. As we cannot shake hands with each other, this will be our sign of respect and we look forward to seeing this visible act of kindness all across the school every morning and afternoon.

- In line with the WHO (World Health Organisation) statement, **pupils in KS2, KS1 and Early Years** are not to wear face coverings in school.
- In line with the WHO statement, **pupils in KS3** can wear a face covering when moving around the school and in communal areas.
- When in a classroom (during a lesson) and any dining areas, face coverings are to be removed.
- Where a pupil has a medical condition that may require additional PPE to be worn, they will be asked to provide a letter from their medical professional to detail what is required. Where this is the case, that information will be provided to the staff who work with that individual.
- The decision to wear a face covering is a personal one. We ask that we all respect one another's decisions.

Due to government legislation, our pupils will not have access to lockers and will be expected to carry their bag with them. They will need their stationary and packed lunch with them. As you are aware, there is no hot food available to purchase at the moment but we will have some grab bags for children who have either pre-ordered them or who forget their lunch. Polite reminder also that all pupils will wear their PE kit to schools on days they have PE. All pupils will get their timetables on their first day at school so please wear full school uniform until you are told otherwise.



# DEDWORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

Smiths Lane, Windsor, SL4 5PE  
Tel: 01753 860561

Email address: [office@dedworthmiddle.co.uk](mailto:office@dedworthmiddle.co.uk)  
Web site: [www.dedworthmiddle.co.uk](http://www.dedworthmiddle.co.uk)

One additional item we are requesting the children to bring is a purple pen – not a sharpie/felt tip, just a biro or rollerball. Please do not worry about this this week but when you do get the chance to buy one, we would really appreciate it as we are not allowed to share stationary in schools in the current climate. The purple pen will be used in all years across all subjects in the school to feedback to teachers' comments. It will be their purple pen of progress. This will be explained to them in due course.

Please see below for exciting news regarding the CEO of our Trust:

## **Appointment of new CEO for Windsor Learning Partnership**

From the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees would like to welcome you back to school and we hope that you have managed to get some meaningful rest over the summer.

After a rigorous search nationally, approaching over 400 people, receiving 23 applications and shortlisting down to 5 we are delighted that we have appointed Gavin Henderson, the Headteacher of The Windsor Boys' School, as the new CEO of Windsor Learning Partnership.

Gavin has been the Headteacher at the Boys' School for seven years and having been part of the creation and growth of WLP is ideally positioned to lead the Trust through the next phases of growth and success. He has over thirty years' experience in Windsor and London schools, eighteen of which have been in senior leadership roles. He will drive sustained improvements to the schools in the multi-academy trust and continue to build a leading education system for Windsor.

The tragic circumstances under which we have had to find a new CEO means that the significance of this appointment is greater than ever and we hope that in the challenging times that lay ahead the whole Trust will put their support behind Gavin in the shared objective of creating the best opportunities and outcomes for the children of Windsor.

I look forward to meeting you all in due course. I will be out on gate duties in the morning and afternoon most days so please feel free to introduce yourselves.

With very best wishes

**Mrs Nicola Chandler**  
**Executive Headteacher**