



Dear parents

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are doing OK during these strange times. As we've said before, please do not hesitate to get in touch if there's anything we can help with. **Can I please encourage you to take a couple of minutes to read through this letter as it contains important information about The Den. Also, please share the information in this letter with your child.**

As I'm sure you can appreciate that re-opening The Den has not been straightforward with so many things to consider. We are trying to work within the Government's guidelines and as you will be aware, these are difficult to navigate as well as the fact that the situation can change at any moment. You may also be aware that COVID-19 cases are on the rise especially among young people, so it is vital that we do this well.

We are now running The Den at Weston Hub in the form of a youth café. The youth sector is not affected by the new guidelines about 6 people so we can have up to 15 young people in and will operate this way until such times as the rules change. The café will be set out with socially distanced tables and chairs and we will be able to serve refreshments to the table. In addition to this, we will play games and have discussions at the tables. For 50p, the young people will be able to get a hot dish (i.e. pasta/noodles/pizza etc), a pudding and a drink. Please see the bullet points below for how it will work.

- Open for those in school year 9 up to and including age 18
- A maximum of 15 young people will be allowed to attend at any one time (see below)
- There will be a minimum of 2 leaders (1 male and 1 female) at each session – all DBS checked – and Risk Assessments have been carried out
- Young people must sit on the chairs provided and not move the chairs
- Doors will open at 7.30pm and food will be served until 8 o'clock. We will close at 8.30pm and there will be no entry after 8pm.
- Masks must be brought but don't need to be worn once inside the café area
- Contact tracing will be in operation whereby a register and contact details will be taken
- Toilets may be used on a one person at a time basis
- Young people must not hang around on the premises once they have left the building.
- Travel to and from The Den must not be in groups of more than 6

**If your child or anyone in your household comes into the 'Vulnerable' category or if anyone in the household has COVID symptoms or if your child feels unwell, please keep them away.**

**In these times especially, it is very important that we have up-to-date information about everyone who is attending Enrich activities. With this in mind, it is important that you go to [www.allsaintsweston.org.uk/enrichweston](http://www.allsaintsweston.org.uk/enrichweston) and complete the consent form there. It should only take a couple of minutes but is very important.**

If your child would like to attend The Den Café, they will need to let us know in advance that they intend to come and the first 15 responses we get will be allowed to attend. The ideal is to text out to everyone telling them what is happening and then they can reply if they want to attend. We have permission to do this by some parents but not all. So it would be helpful to us and beneficial to your child if we have their number. Please chat to them about this and if you are both happy, please do give us permission on the consent form described at the top of this page.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely

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