

Dear Parents and carers,

Following the most recent government guidance about testing I am writing to let you know the details of how we are going to welcome back students into school for the autumn term.

We have made sure the school site has had a deep clean over the summer and is as safe as possible ready for the start of term, we have also amended our risk assessment to take into consideration the updated advice from Public Health England and the Department for Education.

In line with government guidance, we will no longer be insisting that students wear face masks in school, if students wish to continue wearing a mask they may do so, as long as it doesn't adversely impact on their ability to learn in school.

As we are required to test all students twice prior to their return to school we will not be able to run our Year 7 and 12 induction day on Friday 3rd Sept as originally planned and will not be able to open up the school to all students on Monday 6th September. We have however managed to arrange testing so that students only start back at school one day later than originally planned.

Year 7 and 12 Induction Day will now be on MONDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

The first day of school for ALL students will now be on TUESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

Please read the section below carefully as it explains how we will manage the testing of students before they return and when you need to send your child in.

Testing prior to returning to school from Wednesday 1st September 2021

All students will have two tests prior to returning to school. If you have given permission previously you won't need to do this again.

Students in Years 7, 11, 12 and 13 will be tested on Wednesday 1st and Friday 3rd September.

Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will be tested on Thursday 2nd September and Monday 6th September.

Please look at the table below to find out when your child needs to come in to be tested.

Students should arrive to school wearing full school uniform. Every student should aim to arrive at exactly the time requested and should leave site and return home as soon as they have been tested.

The testing will be happening across the country as part of the government's guidance to find out if a student is carrying the virus but is asymptomatic. If your child has the symptoms of Coronavirus please do not send them into school for a lateral flow test. They should instead have a full test at a community testing centre and not come into school until they have a confirmed negative result.

If a student tests positive on our lateral flow tests they and their parents will be informed as quickly as possible and will be asked to go for a full test at a community testing centre.

Wednesday 1st September	Classes	Arrival time	Classes	Arrival Time	Classes	Arrival time
& Friday 3rd September	Year 7 surnames A-M	9am	11E & 11L	11.00am	Year 12 Surname A-J	2.00pm
			11T & 11H	11.30am	Year 12 Surname K-Z	2.30pm

	Year 7 Surnames N-Z	10am	11A & 11M	12pm	13L & 13T	3.00pm
			12E & 12L	1.30PM	13H & 13A	3.30pm

Thursday 2nd September & Monday 6th September	Classes	Arrival time	Classes	Arrival Time	Classes	Arrival time
	8E & 8L	9am	9E & 9L	11.00am	10T & 10H	2.00pm
	8T & 8H	9.30am	9T & 9H	11.30am	10A & 10M	2.30pm
	8A & 8M	10am	9A & 9M	12pm		
	8G & 8S	10.30am	10E & 10L	1.30PM		

Please ensure you have completed the online form, via the link below, before your child attends school for their test.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SYGX87Q>

If you have any questions about the testing please do contact us.

Starting dates and times

Monday 6th September

Year 7 will start back at school on Monday 6th September at 8.30am

Year 12 will start back at school on Monday 6th September at 9am

Tuesday 7th September

Year 7 will arrive at school on Tuesday 7th September from 8.00am ready for an 8.30am start

Year 8 will return to school on Tuesday 7th September from 8.30am ready for an 8.45am start

Year 9 will return to school on Tuesday 7th September from 8.30am ready for an 8.45am start

Year 10 will return to school on Tuesday 7th September from 8.45am ready for a 9.00am start

Year 11 will return to school on Tuesday 7th September from 9.00am ready for a 9.15am start

Year 12 will arrive at school on Tuesday 7th September from 9.15am ready for a 9.30am start

Year 13 will return to school on Tuesday 7th September from 9.15am ready for a 9.30am start

All students will be in school as normal ready for an 8.30am start on Wednesday 8th September.

Please do contact reception if you have any questions or concerns. I hope you are able to enjoy a happy end to the holidays and a sunny bank holiday weekend!

Best wishes
Erika Podmore
Headteacher