

14 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to thank you for your support during an unprecedented academic year for everyone. We would like to share our end of term arrangements with you.

End of term – Tuesday 20 July

Students will arrive in school as normal and will then be dismissed at 12:00pm. School buses will be running at this time.

The canteen will be operating a break service so that students who are entitled to free school meals can buy lunch that day. Other students are welcome to purchase food at this time also as there will be no lunch service later in the day.

Preloved Uniform

As you plan for next year and replacing uniform that students have grown out of, please do consider donating old uniform to school. Any student who delivers uniform to student reception will receive 10 house points to go towards their overall total and contribute to their house.

Contact Tracing

In line with the recent government announcements, all under 18s will be exempt from isolation for contact with a positive case from 16 August 2021. From 19 July, schools will no longer contact trace as this will be completed via NHS test and trace. With restrictions lifting on the 19 July, school will be continuing with the year group bubbles until the end of term.

Autumn 2021 return and on-site testing

You may be aware that guidance for schools has been revised, aligned with Step 4 of the Government's roadmap out of COVID 19. Part of this new guidance includes secondary schools offering two lateral flow tests to all students, on site, before returning to the classroom in September, in addition to testing twice weekly at home with self-testing kits. This will have an impact on the start dates for students with different year groups returning on different dates to facilitate the testing; we will send further communication about this nearer to the time taking into account any updated guidance.

By testing we will help to reduce the spread of COVID 19 through asymptomatic transmission. I am therefore strongly encouraging those returning to school to be tested and to continue with self-testing at home on a twice weekly basis thereafter.

Lateral flow testing on site will be carried out via the same process as when schools reopened earlier this year. All consents previously given for lateral flow testing will be carried forward unless you notify school of a change to remove or provide consent.

Term Dates for 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Term Starts: Monday 6 September 2021 – Thursday 21 October 2021

Half Term: Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021

Term Starts: Monday 1 November 2021 - Friday 17 December 2021

Spring Term 2022

Term Starts: Wednesday 5 January 2022 – Thursday 17 February 2022

Half Term: Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022

Term Starts: Monday 28 February 2022 – Thursday 7 April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Term Starts: Monday 25 April 2022 – Friday 27 May 2022

Half Term: Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022

Term Starts: Monday 6 June 2022 - Friday 22 July 2022

Training days

Thursday 2 September

Friday 3 September

Friday 22 October

Monday 29 November

Tuesday 4 January 2022

Friday 18 February 2022

Friday 8 April 2022

Friday 1 July 2022

Yours sincerely

Mrs T Peters
Headteacher