

27th August 2021

Dear families,

We hope that you have been keeping well throughout the summer months.

We have been delighted to see so many pupils - current and new - accessing activities and support over the 6-week holiday and we very much look forward to welcoming all pupils back in September including our new Reception and Year 7 pupils.

Start of autumn term 2021

Arrangements for the return to school for week commencing Monday 6th September for each year group are as follows:

Date	Year groups in school
Tuesday 7 th September	Reception (group 1 only) and Year 7
Wednesday 8 th September	Reception (group 1 and 2 only), Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6, Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11
Thursday 9 th September	All pupils

Lateral Flow Tests

As you may be aware, the government have directed schools to offer secondary age pupils two on-site lateral flow tests (LFTs) before they return as a full school community at the start of the new year. These are the same tests that secondary phase pupils have been undertaking at home and additional tests for pupils to use at home can be collected from school if preferred.

If you choose for your child to have two LFTs taken on-site, given the nature of the test and the requirement for us to share your child’s personal data with the NHS, we must have your written consent before we administer the test. Please find attached the government’s consent form that includes a link to a privacy policy. Please ensure your child brings a signed copy of this when they attend school for their COVID-19 lateral flow test. We will be unable to test your child without this signed document.

Testing will be available in the secondary phase for pupils in Years 7 –11 on the following dates and times:

Thursday 2nd September 8am – 5.30pm
 Monday 6th September 8am – 5.30pm

There is no need to book an appointment, pupils can come into school for their test at any time between 8am and 5:30pm. The test will take approximately 30 minutes and pupils will leave the school site once their test is complete. Results will be communicated directly to parents/carers from the NHS by text message. Please note, if your child tests positive for COVID-19 they will need to self-isolate in line with government guidelines.

Year 11 GCSE Results

We were thrilled to welcome back our exiting Year 11 cohort to receive their GCSE results, and are very proud of the significant achievements of this year group. As our most successful exiting year group, it is a real testament to their resilience and efforts as well as the support of their teachers and coaches that we were able to celebrate such an impressive set of results. We are pleased to see all our Year 11 pupils successful transition onto Post 16 courses, training or employment and we look forward to tracking their future success.

INSET days 2021-2022

Please see a list of INSET days scheduled for the new school year. School will be closed to all pupils on these days. Whilst every endeavour will be made to maintain these days, please note that they are subject to change should unexpected disruption occur to the school year.

Friday 8th October 2021
Friday 26th November 2021
Monday 27th June 2022
Monday 25th July 2022
Tuesday 26th July 2022

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



Lucie Lakin
Principal