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Dear Parent / Guardian

In July I said my intention was to write to you with confirmation of details for the start of term in September. I am pleased to confirm these arrangements in this letter.

We will be staggering the start of the Autumn Term for students to facilitate lateral flow testing of all students before they fully return. Full details are explained below.

Lateral Flow Testing

Students will be asked to take two tests on their return in September 3-5 days apart as explained by the DfE below.

“As pupils will potentially mix with lots of other people during the summer holidays, all secondary school pupils should receive 2 on-site lateral flow device tests, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return in the autumn term.”

To enable this to happen we will have a staggered return in September. We are asking parents of our new year 7's to provide consent to be tested, this will be done in a separate communication. For students in Years 8 to 13, as you provided consent earlier in the year you do not need to do so again. However, we are asking that if you want to withdraw consent to please contact the school using the following [link](#).

We are being asked to test in school as the tests are more reliable and therefore offer greater confidence that school will, as always be a safe place in September.

For the first test, we will invite your child in just for the test, they can then return home, and school uniform is not required. For the second test students will be in school in full uniform and will leave lesson for a few minutes to take the test. Those taking the test will be supervised by trained adults. The new Orient Gene lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose only.

We strongly encourage all students to take both of these tests for everyone's safety.



Return times for September

Please see the table below which details when students should return for their first test and then for their first day of school. Upon arrival for their test, students should go to the school reception where they will be directed to the testing location for that day.

Until students return to school for their first day, they will be able to access work on the google classroom starting from Monday 6th September.

Year	First test (attending only for a 5 minute test slot)	First day of school
7	Friday 3 rd September AM 9am – 10am: Surnames A- E 10am – 11am: Surnames F- M 11am – 12pm: Surnames N - S 12pm – 12:45pm: Surnames T - Z	Monday 6 th September 8.35am – 3.00pm
8	Wednesday 8 th September AM 9am – 10am: Surnames A- F 10am – 11am: Surnames G - R 11am – 12pm: Surnames S - Z	Thursday 9 th September 8:35am – 3.00pm
9	Wednesday 8 th September PM 12pm – 12:45pm: Surnames A - G 1:15pm – 2:15pm: Surnames H - O 2:15pm – 3:00pm: Surnames P - Z	Thursday 9 th September 8:35am – 3.00pm
10	Tuesday 7 th September 9am – 10am: Surnames A - F 10am – 11am: Surnames G - L 11am – 12pm: Surnames M - R 12pm – 12:45pm: Surnames S - Z	Wednesday 8 th September 8.35am – 3.00pm
11	Monday 6 th September AM 9am – 10am: Surnames A - D 10am – 11am: Surnames E - K 11am – 12pm: Surnames L - R 12pm – 12:45pm: Surnames S - Z	Tuesday 7 th September 8.35am – 3.00pm
12	Friday 3 rd September PM 1:15pm – 2:15pm: Surnames A- M 2:15pm – 3:00pm: Surnames N - Z	Monday 6 th September 8.35am – 3.00pm * All day at Cheslyn Hay
13	Monday 6 th September PM 1:15pm – 2:15pm: Surnames A- M 2:15pm – 3:00pm: Surnames N - Z	Tuesday 7 th September 8.35am – 3.00pm

From September the timings of the school day will be as follows to reflect the removal of staggered starts-

8:35	All students on site
8:40 - 8:55	Tutor / Assembly
8:55 - 9:00	<i>Movement time</i>
9:00 - 9:50	Period 1
9:50 - 9:55	<i>Movement time</i>
9:55 - 10:45	Period 2
10:45 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 11:50	Period 3
11:50 - 11:55	<i>Movement time</i>
11:55 - 12:45	Period 4
12:45 - 13:15	Lunch
13:15 - 14:05	Period 5
14:05 - 14:10	<i>Movement time</i>
14:10 - 15:00	Period 6

From September Year 11 students will attend a compulsory Period 7 when invited on Monday - Thursday. Period 7 will be our opportunity to accelerate progress and will take the form of subject-specific intervention and revision. **This will commence from Monday 13th September.**

Each year group has a designated entry point into the building. Upon arriving in school this is where they must go (they will not be permitted to use another entrance)

The entry points are-

Year 7 – Theatre entrance

Year 8 - Under the bridge into the main quad, then turn left

Year 9 – Same as this academic year

Year 10 - Under the bridge into the main quad, then turn right

Year 11 – Through gates, next to old science block

School will continue to be split into year group zones and the majority of lessons will be delivered in these distinct zones. Students will only move out for certain lessons (IT, Science, PE, Art / DT, Music and Drama).

Only the main entrance gates will be open and students will be met and directed to their designated zone.

Before school

Students who arrive early to school (before their designated time) will be able to sit in their Year group zone until tutor time starts. However, no food will be available and students must not go anywhere else around the site other than their designated zone.

Food – Break and Lunch time

Students will have their break and lunch in their zones as well. Year groups will not be permitted to mix (although Year 10 and 11 will share an outdoor area). All zones will have an allocated outdoor area and students will be permitted to use the new 3G MUGA on rotation during the week.

At break time no food will be available to purchase. At lunch time food will be taken to each zone for distribution and purchasing, or students may bring their own packed lunches. We will continue to use a cashless system; however, students will be unable to charge their account in-school via the finger-print scanner. Instead this must be accessed via the parentmail app or website <http://www.parentmail.co.uk>

(if you require access to this please email jkavanagh@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk). Year 7 will be registered in September.

Pastoral system – High expectations

We now have a Year group pastoral system to enable us to monitor the year group zones. Students will still be allocated to a house for competitions. Heads of Year are-

Year 7 - Mrs Foyle

Year 8 & 9 - Mr McFarlane

Year 10 & 11 - Mrs McCarthy

Uniform

Students must wear the correct uniform. For clarification on what this is see the [school website](#). It is important that students wear shoes and not trainers (see the school website for clarification on what constitutes a shoe). Students in trainers will not be allowed into lessons. Hoodies cannot be worn and will be confiscated. Our website also explains our stance on jewellery, facial piercings and hair colours / styles.

PE kit has to be correct (as per our school website). Only school PE tracksuits and PE hoodie / jumpers will be allowed. No branded hoodies. Also the PE hoodie should not be worn as a coat to school.

Students will bring PE kit on the days that they have PE and change in the changing rooms.

Students will need to bring their own equipment with them. Whilst this has always been expected it is crucial from September. Please ensure that your child brings with them a bag and all of the essential equipment they need for their lessons - pens, pencils, crayons, ruler, calculator, apron (D&T).

Homework will be set on Google Classroom and be known as 'Remote Learning'. This is because it has worked so successfully during lockdowns and to cut down on the amount of paper handed out to reduce contact. Students will be assigned to new Google classrooms as per their new timetables in September. This will also mean that, should we go into another lockdown or partial lockdown, we will have continuity of their education. Students will not be issued with planners this year.

Attendance and Punctuality

Government guidance is that student attendance, from September, is compulsory. As such we will be enforcing the usual attendance policy and procedures. Having missed several months of face-to-face learning over the past two years it is crucial that you do not take holidays during term time and that students attend school unless they are poorly. Students should be on site for 8.35am to avoid being late.

School coach / Public transport

As per the government guidance, it is no longer statutory for students to wear a face mask whilst on the coach, bus and train. However, it is advisable for them to continue to do so.

PPE – face coverings

Based on government guidance, students and staff do not need to wear face masks or other PPE in school. We will continue to actively promote hand washing and good hygiene during the school day. However, should a Covid outbreak occur, the local public health team may ask the school to instruct staff and students to wear face masks. Please be prepared for this outcome.

School site access and parking

Please consider the safety of the staff and students by not driving onto the school site if the gates are open. It is not permitted for you to park in the school grounds, nor on Hall lane where double yellow lines are clearly marked. Increased patrols by traffic wardens will be in place in September. Additionally, if you wish to see a member of staff it must be via prior appointment. Where possible please speak to staff over the phone. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.

Enjoy the rest of the summer holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone at the beginning of September.

Yours sincerely



Ian Moreton
Headteacher

Key dates

- 2 September – Staff INSET
- 3 September – Strategic Planning Day
- 6 September – Years 7 & 12 return to school
- 7 September – Years 11 & 13 return to school
- 8 September – Year 10 return to school
- 9 September – Years 8 & 9 return to school
- 22 September – Open Evening
- 23 September – Alton Towers attendance reward trip (rearranged)
- 24 September – Staff INSET
- 22 October – Break up for Half term