



Start of Autumn term arrangements 2021

As previously stated in the Parent Bulletin, the government has informed schools that on their return to school in September students should attend the School's Asymptomatic Test Site to take two LFD tests 3-5 days apart. Parents/carers will recall a similar arrangement was established on the return from the last lockdown. The following table sets out how the return to school will be altered to facilitate this. The tests are similar to the ones conducted at school previously and still being taken at home, but with one difference - they require a swab from both nostrils and not from the throat. These adjusted arrangements mean that the start date for some year groups will be different to that which we have previously advised:

Later this summer we will send you exact timings for when Years 8-13 need to attend for their test on the days specified below.

Year Group	Arrangements
Year 7	First day - Thursday, 2nd September. All students should arrive at school for 8.35am for a full day. Students will be invited to take a test during the school day and will remain in school all day.
Year 8	Students will be invited in to take a test on Monday, 6th September and then return home First day in lessons - Tuesday, 7th September at 8.35am.
Year 9	Students will be invited in at a specified time to take a test on Friday, 3rd September and then return home. First day in lessons - Monday, 6th September at 8.35am.
Year 10	Students will be invited in at a specified time to take a test on Friday, 3rd September and then return home. First day in lessons - Monday, 6th September at 8.35am.
Year 11	Students will be invited in at a specified time to take a test on Friday, 3rd September and then return home. First day in lessons - Monday, 6th September at 8.35am.
Year 12	Students will be invited in at a specified time to take a test and complete enrolment on Thursday, 2nd September and then return home. First day in lessons - Friday, 3rd September at 8.35am.
Year 13	Students will be invited in at a specified time to take a test on Wednesday, 1st September and then return home. First day in lessons - Friday, 3rd September at 8.35am.

Other arrangements

We will continue to review any updates to guidance regarding the operation of schools from September, but currently we are proposing to continue with split break and lunch times for the first half term at least. We are also planning for students to continue to wear their PE kit on the days they have PE. We will review this during the first half term. We will expect all students to wear the correct uniform and PE kit, available from our uniform suppliers (although see below for PSFA second hand uniform sale). We have been flexible this year in allowing non-Darrick Wood kit to be worn initially at least. However, come September we will expect complete adherence to our uniform and kit policies.