

28th May 2021



Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope that this update finds you well. Thank you for all your support and encouragement this half term. We are very proud of and grateful for the way in which our students and all members of our Light Hall community have responded in a positive way to the constant challenges of pandemic. As we start to emerge from these difficult times and national restrictions begin to lift, we have consulted with students and staff about ways in which we can make school and working life a little easier, whilst still maintaining a Covid secure environment.

Everyone is very keen to return to our broad and balanced curriculum being delivered in subject specialist teaching rooms. There will be less students physically in school after half term as year 11 will be continuing their education remotely until the end of June. In light of this, we have reviewed our risk assessment, which can be found here: <https://www.lighthall.co.uk/covid19-updates/> and the following changes will be made to the way we operate in school after half term. These changes will commence on Tuesday 8th June, as all students will be learning remotely on Monday 7th June.

- All subjects will be delivered in specialist subject rooms. Students will receive their new timetables during form time on Tuesday 8th June. We will be supporting our year 7 students to find their way around;
- There will be a one way system in operation in all buildings;
- Students will remain in their year group zones before school, at break and lunchtime. The zones will be enlarged to provide more space and opportunity for sporting and physical activity at lunchtime;
- Each year group will continue to have their own dedicated toilet facility;
- Hygiene routines at the start and end of lessons and entry into school buildings will continue;
- All students should attend school in full uniform every day and bring their PE kit to school on the days they have PE or extra curricular sporting activities. Students will change for PE in school from Tuesday 8th June;
- We are extending the lunch break by 5 minutes and therefore the school day will end at the following times:
 - Year 7: 2:45pm
 - Year 8: 2:50pm
 - Years 9 and 10: 2:55pm

This change will not affect those students who use the 863 West Midlands bus service.

Students have been issued with Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) to last them up to Friday 2nd July. Please do continue to test your children on Wednesdays and Fridays each week and directly inform NHS Track and Trace of the results. If your child returns a positive test please email attendance@lighthall.co.uk immediately. Please continue to follow the guidance regarding symptoms. If families do require additional LFTs please contact your child's pastoral manager.

We are all looking forward to taking these steps towards normality. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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