

12<sup>th</sup> July 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. Thank you for all the support and help you have given us throughout this academic year. It has certainly been very challenging, at times, for everyone, and we are very grateful for the positive and supportive way in which our Light Hall family has responded. I write now to confirm arrangements for the start of the next academic year.

In response to step four of the Road Map for the easing and discontinuation of restrictions, the government has issued guidance and directives to all schools relating to the new academic year. This includes asking all secondary schools and colleges to test all students at on-site Asymptomatic Test Sites on return to education, following the summer holidays.

We have, therefore, rearranged our plans and staff training for the beginning of September. The new and confirmed schedule for the start of term is as follows:

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021	Asymptomatic Testing of all students on Site Day 1 ( LFD Test 1)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	Staff INSET day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Asymptomatic Testing of all students on Site Day 2 (LFD Test 2)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Term begins for year 7 students at 8.40 am (year 7 only are in school)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Term begins for students in years 8, 9, 10 and 11 at 8.40am (All year groups are in school)

We want to do everything possible to prevent significant transmission in school at the start of next term. We are asking students to come into school at their allocated time on both Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September to complete their LFD test and then return home. Term (and therefore lessons and learning) starts for year 7 on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September and for all other years on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Can your child bring a pen to the testing, due to the need to complete their details.

Please note that students will only be able to take a LFD test on site, if we have parental consent. Students must attend both testing appointments on site. Due to staffing arrangements students who are unable to attend on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September will be given a self testing kit, if they attend site on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, for them to complete at home.

The schedule for when students should come into school on these days is as follows:

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September & Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Testing Times**

Time to arrive at School	Year Group
08.30am	Summer School Attendees only (Year 7 & 10)
09.05am	Year 7
10.05am	Year 8
11.25am	Year 9
12.25pm	Year 10
2.00pm	Year 11

To minimise disruption to family life on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September we suggest that families with several children in school, in different year groups, attend together at the time allocated to the youngest member of the family. Students do not need to stay in school after they have completed their LFD test, to await the results. We will contact you, if the test returns a positive result. No news is good news!

### Parental Consent

Some parents may have completed a consent form earlier in the year, however a **new consent form must be completed** for each student in the school. Students may only take a LFD test in school if we have your consent.

The form to complete to either give consent is here.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xLzYj3HO-kibzhUqrFi6YygpNwBJMtGreLw6vXs0ktUMVZDNFJSUINRNzBUMTVJWkdZMEpKMTYzSi4u>

This link will close at 12 noon on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. If you have not completed this form by this date, and your child attends school for a test, unfortunately we will not be able to administer one. Email responses will not be accepted.

### *This section is only relevant to children who are taking part in summer school*

As stated above, children who attend summer school, who have a completed consent form, will be tested at 08.30am on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, to minimise disruption to their summer school day.

Please not hesitate to contact the school [office@lighthall.co.uk](mailto:office@lighthall.co.uk) with any queries or concerns that you may have.

My very best wishes for healthy, peaceful and fun filled summer break.

Yours sincerely



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