

12<sup>th</sup> July 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. We are all very much looking forward to welcoming your child to Light Hall in September.

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. This means changes to the published schedule for our new year 7 students.

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.

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

To minimise disruption to family life on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September we suggest that if you have other children in school in older year groups, they attend together with your child in year 7 at the time allocated above. 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!

### Consent

Students may only take a LFD test in school if we have your consent. The form to complete to either give or refuse consent is here.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xLzYj3HO-kibzhUqrFi6YyqpNwBJMtGreLw6vXs0ktUMVZDNFJSUINRNzBUMTVJWkdZMEpKMTYzSi4u>

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.

### Children who are taking part in summer school

We are very much looking forward to a return to normal from 7<sup>th</sup> September, when we welcome our new year 7s to school. Thank you for all your support and understanding. I can only apologise that we have had to amend our plans. I hope that this does not cause too much disruption to you and your families. As stated above, if your child is attending summer school and you have consented for a lateral flow test, please can your child attend at an earlier time of 8.30am (on 2<sup>nd</sup> September only), to enable testing to take place prior to the start of their day.

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

Yours sincerely



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