

To: All Parents/Carers of Year 7 to Year 13 Students

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Parent Update September 2021

I hope you and your family are well and you have enjoyed a safe and relaxing summer holiday.

As the new school year approaches I thought it would be helpful to share with you the arrangements we have made to ensure a positive and safe start to the new term following relaxations to the restrictions under which we were required to operate over the past sixteen months. Before doing so I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 11 and 13 students on their GCSE, BTEC and A Level results this summer. Given how hard they and their teachers worked to achieve these in the most challenging of circumstances, they deserve all our praise and should be very proud of their achievements.

Start of term and new school day

Following last year's consultation we will be operating a revised school day from September which for Year 7 and 12 students starts on Tuesday 7 September and for Year 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 on Wednesday 8 September. Please see below a reminder of our new timings for the school day which I hope is helpful.

Timing	Year 7, 8, 9 & 12	Years 10, 11 & 13
08.40	Period 1	
09.45	Break	Movement
09.50	09.45 – 10.05	Period 2
10.05	Period 2	09.50 – 10.50
10.50	10.05 – 11.05	Break
11.05	Movement	10.50 – 11.10
11.10	Period 3	
12.10	Lunch	Movement
12.15	12.10 – 12.50	Period 4
12.50	Period 4	12.15 – 13.15
13.15	12.50 – 13.50	Lunch
13.50	Movement	13.15 – 13.55
13.55	Assembly / Tutor Time	
14.15	Movement	
14.20	Period 5	
15.20	End of normal school day	

Drop off and pick up

Following the feedback you shared with us at the end of last term we have made the decision to continue with the allocated drop off and pick up points at the start and end of the school day. From next week students in Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 & 9) and Sixth Form should be dropped off and picked up from the 'D' at the front of school. Students in Key Stage 4 (Years

10 & 11) should be dropped off in the morning in the bus park and picked up at the end of the day by the Humber car park gate located at the bottom of Lowfield Lane.

Testing

A small number of places are still available for anyone who would like their son/daughter to take a Covid test at school prior to the start of term. These will be taking place on Monday 6 September with time slots bookable via our main school office (01482 631208). Once a place has been booked then consent will need to be given using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/PJ4q9ubSRE9uibzaA>.

Students will continue to be offered home testing kits and we would encourage those that are using these to continue to undertake twice weekly home testing.

Covid safety measures

The safety and welfare of our staff and students remains of paramount importance. Although many restrictions have now been lifted, there are still a number of things we need to continue doing to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission in school.

Firstly, we will continue to minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

We will continue to encourage and promote good hand and respiratory hygiene across the school as well as frequent opportunities for hand sanitation. All our classrooms and communal areas are fitted with sanitising stations; staff and students will sanitise their hands upon entry and exit. We are increasing ventilation in our classrooms and communal areas, ensuring that windows are open as well as encouraging students to use outdoor spaces during break and lunchtimes as much as they can.

We will continue to operate an enhanced cleaning regime across the school to ensure any communal areas and frequently touched surfaces are cleaned and sanitised. In addition, we will be keeping our one-way system in operation around the school site.

Our updated risk assessment can be viewed on the Education Alliance website via the following [link](#).

Face Coverings

Face coverings are no longer required for anyone in school though students, colleagues and any visitors are welcome to continue to wear them should they wish to do so. Current guidance recommends and expects continued wearing of face coverings on public transport and dedicated transport to school. We therefore ask that students continue to wear face coverings when using either of these forms of transport.

What to do if you have symptoms

If your son/daughter develops symptoms they should remain off-school and take a PCR test. Should this test be positive, they must self-isolate in line with NHS guidelines and should also self-isolate whilst awaiting the test result. If the test is negative, they should return to school as normal. The school may still require students to return home should they exhibit coronavirus symptoms but the school will no longer take responsibility for contact tracing; this is now being carried out by NHS Test and Trace.

Who needs to isolate

Only the student with a confirmed positive case of Coronavirus needs to self-isolate. This is under the proviso that any of the individual's close contacts are fully vaccinated or are under the age of 18 and 6 months. Please see this [link](#) for further details and guidance on this. This means that the school will no longer need to consider sending home students who came into close contact with an individual with a confirmed case of coronavirus. Students who are deemed close contacts will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and encouraged to take a PCR test.

The changes to the way schools are being asked to operate from September means that we can return to a more traditional way of operation from the start of term. Year group 'bubbles' will no longer be in place, and the normal mixing of students

can recommence. Whilst we are pleased to be in the position we must remain vigilant and cautious and be fully prepared for a change to these circumstances should this be required. If, at any point in the future this does become the case, then we will let you know.

The support you have given us and the positive way your son/daughter have adapted during this pandemic fills me with great confidence of a successful year ahead and I am very much looking forward to welcoming our students back to school in September.

Yours faithfully



Richard Williman
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