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Dear Families,

We are very much looking forward to all students returning to school in September. This letter contains some important information about the start of term, so please read it carefully.

Update on COVID-19 Procedures

Asymptomatic Testing

We strongly advise that all students have taken a lateral flow test in the 48 hours before returning to school. We will have these available at reception which will be open between 8am-4pm on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd September if you would like to collect additional packs.

All students will be required to take two further tests at the start of term in school:

- Friday 3rd September: Years 7, 12 and 13
- Monday 6th September: Years 8 and 9
- Tuesday 7th September: Years 10 and 11, Year 7 North House
- Wednesday 8th September: Years 7, 12 and 13
- Thursday 9th September: Years 8 and 9
- Friday 10th September: Years 10 and 11



If you have not yet provided consent for the lateral flow tests, the form is available here – if you provided consent last year you do not need to do this again. Students will then be provided with kits to continue twice weekly at home until the end of September, when this will be reviewed.

Staff and students with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection). They will also need to take a PCR test. Whilst awaiting the result of the PCR test, you should continue to self-isolate. If the PCR test is taken within two days of the LFD test and is negative, this overrides the LFD test and as long as you are not symptomatic, can return to school.

However, it is extremely important to remember that if your child displays any symptoms, however mild, that they **must not come into school**, but take a PCR test immediately and isolate until they have the result. Students who are absent for COVID-19 related reasons will not have this included in their overall absence figures.

Self-Isolation

Individuals will not be required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 if any of the following apply:

- They are fully vaccinated
- They are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- They are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by the NHS Track and Trace, informed that they have been in close contact and advised to take a PCR Test.

Control Measures

We hope that disruption will be minimal in the Autumn Term, but we will continue to maintain a number of COVID-19 protocols:

- All classrooms will be well ventilated
- Hand sanitisers will be available in all classrooms and communal spaces
- Wherever possible, social distancing will be maintained. In classrooms, all students will sit in their allocated seat based on the teacher's seating plan. This must be followed at all times.
- All members of the school community are encouraged to wear face masks in communal areas; students will not be expected to wear them in classrooms, but they may be required in assemblies and other spaces where social distancing is not possible.
- Year groups will continue to be allowed in only their allocated area at breaktimes and use of the canteen will be restricted to once a day.
- A one-way system around school will be in place
- Different entrances for each year group
- All students and staff are encouraged to undergo twice weekly lateral flow testing at least until the end of September, when this will be reviewed by the Government.

We have additionally completed a COVID-19 Contingency Plan, which covers our COVID-19 procedures in more detail and what we will do in the event of a cluster of cases at school. A copy of this is attached.

Start of Term

Friday 3rd September:

- Year 7s should arrive at school by 9am via the Honey End Lane Gate (please note the gates will not open until 8.40am)
- Year 12 and 13s should arrive at school by 9.30am via the Honey End Lane Gate

Monday 6th September

- Year 7s should arrive at school by 8.25am via the Honey End Lane Gate
- Year 8s should arrive at school by 8.25am via the Cockney Hill Gate (nursery entrance)
- Year 9s should arrive at school by 8.25am via the Honey End Lane Gate (tennis courts)
- Year 10s should arrive at school by 8.25am via the Cockney Hill Gate
- Year 11s should arrive at school by 8.25am via the Cockney Hill Gate
- Year 12 and 13s should arrive at school by 8.25am via the Cockney Hill Gate

Please note that the school gates will only be open between 8.10am and 8.30am each morning; students who are late may not be admitted to school.

The canteen will be open for breakfast from 8.10am each morning; whether students choose to eat here or at home, we encourage all students to eat a healthy breakfast. Please do not allow your child to bring high sugar/energy drinks into school; these will be confiscated.

School Uniform

We hope that all families have been able to purchase their new school blazer and skirt (if required). Stevenson's have provided us with a list of families that are still waiting for items to be delivered.

The uniform policy is attached for your perusal again; please note that students who do not meet the uniform requirements will not be allowed on site and will be sent home to change. This includes inappropriate hairstyles and a reminder that, with the exception of a single stud in each ear lobe, no piercings are permitted.

Equipment

Students must also ensure that they have the correct equipment for the start of term. As a minimum, all students must have at least 2 blue or black pens, a pencil, ruler, eraser, sharpener and mathematics equipment. A scientific calculator and colouring pencils and highlighters are also strongly recommended. All students will be provided with a Student Planner which they will need in school every day. Please note that we will not be able to lend any equipment to students who have not come to school properly prepared.

Communication

Our primary method of communication is electronic; this is either via email or through the ClassCharts App. We strongly recommend that you download the ClassCharts App; this provides you with live time reporting of your child's attendance and reward/consequence points. Important messages will also be sent via ClassCharts. It is very important that we have the correct email address for all families; if this changes please let Mrs Clyne jclyne@prospect.reading.sch.uk know immediately. We are also launching a new website in September: www.kgaprospect.uk. Please refer to this website in future for any information that you require.

We are very much looking forward to the start of term. Whilst we are aware that there may still be further disruption and changes, we are so impressed with the resilience that our young people have demonstrated over the past two years.

With very best wishes,



Mr D Littlemore
Headteacher