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Principal - Mr T Beesley

20th July 2021

Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) – UPDATED INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

I hope you are well and that your child is looking forward to starting at All Hallows in September. Further to the Parent Information Meetings earlier this month, I am now able to share with you more information about the start of term in September.

Phased Return to College in September

The latest DfE guidance is that all secondary schools should offer students two on-site asymptomatic testing on their return to school in September. Furthermore, *'Settings may commence testing from 3 working days before the start of term and can stagger return of pupils across the first week to manage this.'* This means that just as we did in March, the return of students will be phased during the first week, to manage the number of students passing through the asymptomatic test site at any one time. The timetable for the return of different Year groups in September, therefore, is as follows:

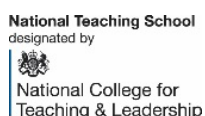
- **Wednesday 1st September – Year 7 only (10:15 arrival)***
- **Thursday 2nd September – Years 7, 10, 11, 12 & 13**
- **Friday 3rd September – All Year groups, including Years 8 & 9**

**As mentioned at the Parent Information Evening, the start to the day for our new Year 7 students on Wednesday 1st September, will be slightly delayed. Those students travelling on [College buses](#), however, can come to College at the normal time, and will be supervised, as we don't want to change bus times for one day, and confuse our new starters.*

Testing

In line with DfE Guidance, and in order to support a speedy but safe return to College, we are offering students the opportunity to come into College from Tuesday 31st August, for their first test, and for them to go straight back home afterwards. This will mean that any student who has already had their first test will be able to go to their first lesson when their Year group returns later in the week. If you want your child to take part in this testing programme, it is imperative that you have completed the [electronic consent form](#), before 8am on Tuesday 31st August. If we do not receive your completed consent by that time, your child will not be able to participate in the testing programme I would also refer you to the following information on the College website:

- The All Hallows [Privacy Statement](#)
- A Mass Testing [Data Protection FAQ](#)



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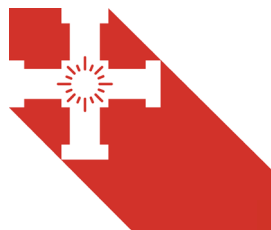
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As we have done previously, when organising our whole-school testing programme, we have allocated slots for different Year groups, and alphabetically by surname, between Tuesday 31st August and Thursday 2nd September:

Date	8:30 – 9:30	9:30 – 10:30	10:30 – 11:30	12:00 – 1:00	1:00 – 2:00	2:00 – 2:45
Tuesday 31st August	Year 7 (Surname A-G)	Year 7 (Surname H-O)	Year 7 (Surname P-Z)	Years 12/13 (Surname A-I)	Years 12/13 (Surname J-Z)	
Wednesday 1st September	Year 7 (still to be tested)	Year 10 (Surname A-I)	Year 10 (Surname J-Z)	Year 11 (Surname A-I)	Year 11 (Surname J-Z)	
Thursday 2nd September	Years 12/13 (still to be tested)	Years 10/11 (still to be tested)	Year 8 (Surname A-I)	Year 8 (Surname J-Z)	Year 9 (Surname A-I)	Year 9 (Surname J-Z)

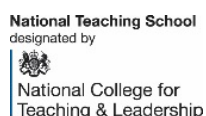
For these initial tests, students should come to College Reception, via Brooklands Avenue, and they will be directed to the testing area, where they will receive their test, and then return to the Car Park to go straight back home. If a parent or carer is driving their child to the test and the particular timeslot does not suit, please do get in touch and we will try and arrange an alternative time on their allocated day. Where students (with consent) cannot attend their first test, the following arrangements apply:

- Students returning to College for the first time, from 1st September, **who have not yet had their first test**, should go directly to the Main Hall, to sit and wait for their test
- Students will have their first test and wait for the result
- If the result returns a negative, they will go straight to lessons; if it is positive, they will need to be collected by parents / carers
- General information about Lateral Flow Testing can be found on the [College website](http://www.allhallows.org.uk)

Those students who do not have consent for testing should come to College on the designated day for the return of their Year group, as normal

College Day

Whilst the latest guidance from the DfE is that it is no longer necessary to 'keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles')', we will continue to operate a system of breaks and lunches that will mean minimal mixing between Year groups whilst students are in College. As from the beginning of September, therefore, we will be following a slightly amended College day, as illustrated below:



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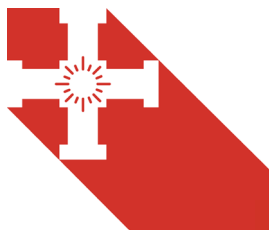
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	Arrival	Registration	Lesson 1	Lesson 2 / Break (20 mins)		Lesson 3	Lesson 4 / Lunch (35 mins)		Lesson 5	Dismissal
	8.45 - 8.55	8.55 - 9.15	9.15 - 10.15	10.15 - 11.35		11.35 - 12.35	12.35 - 14.10		14.10 - 15.10	15.05 - 15.15
				Break 20 Mins			Lunch 35 Mins			
							12.35 - 13.10	13.35 - 14.10		
Year 7	10 mins	20 mins	60 mins	B	60 mins	60 mins	L	60 mins	60 mins	10 mins
Year 8	10 mins	20 mins	60 mins	B	60 mins	60 mins	L	60 mins	60 mins	10 mins
Year 9	10 mins	20 mins	60 mins		60 mins	B	60 mins	L	60 mins	10 mins
Year 10	10 mins	20 mins	60 mins	B	60 mins	60 mins	L	60 mins	60 mins	10 mins
Year 11	10 mins	20 mins	60 mins		60 mins	B	60 mins	L	60 mins	10 mins
Year 12	10 mins	20 mins	60 mins		60 mins	B	60 mins	L	60 mins	10 mins
Year 13	10 mins	20 mins	60 mins	B	60 mins	60 mins	60 mins	L	60 mins	10 mins

As you can see, we are keeping the staggered breaks and lunchtimes, which have been effective this year, but have removed the 'split' lesson that we had from September to June. Each Key Stage will continue to have their own designated dining / social areas, but Years 7 & 8 will share. Each of these two Year groups will be allowed into lunch first on alternate weeks.

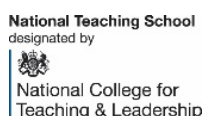
There will still be extra cleaning staff on site during the College day who will be working to maintain the highest standards of hygiene. Staff and students will still be expected to wash their hands or sanitise at the beginning and end of each lesson, and the sanitiser stations around the College site will remain.

As mentioned in the newsletter, DfE guidance on face-coverings is that they are not required by law, but the Government *'expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. This includes public transport and dedicated transport to school or college.'* From September, therefore, we would still expect that face-coverings are worn on College buses, and we will allow students to wear them in College, if they wish to do so. If we have an outbreak in College, however, a director of public health might advise us that face coverings should temporarily be worn in communal areas or classrooms. If we get any further guidance on face-coverings, or anything else, before September, we will let you know.

Uniform

College uniform can be purchased from either one of our uniform suppliers: Finesse or Classworx, and their contact details can be found on the College website. From experience we know that certain uniform issues can arise at the beginning of a new academic year, including incorrect footwear, extreme hair styles or recently pierced ears – **if your child wants their ears pierced this summer, they should do so at the start of the holiday, so they don't have to wear them at the start of term.** As a reminder, can I please bring to your attention to the College's uniform policy for Years 7 to 11, a full copy of which can be found on our website [here](#)

- Shoes should be black, sturdy and low heeled. Please note that fabric shoes, pumps, boots or trainers are not acceptable. Shoes should not, therefore, have 'trainer-type' laces, soles or logos.



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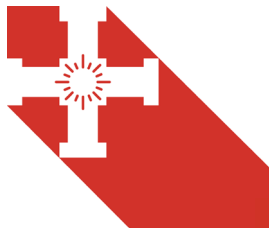
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- Skirts - Tartan kilt in College colours (Yrs 7&8 black & white kilt with red check, Yrs 9-11 black & white kilt). All skirts should be purchased below the knee to allow for growth. Skirts should be worn appropriately, in the spirit of the uniform policy and the high standards that we all want for our College. If your daughter's skirt is too short, we will contact you and ask that it be changed, or if a girl is seen to have her skirt rolled-up at the waist she will be asked to un-roll it. Any girls who persistently roll up their skirts will be given an appropriate sanction.
- Jumper - Plain mid-grey 'V' necked jumper with College badge (Yrs 7&8). Plain black 'V' necked jumper with College badge (Yrs 9-11). The jumper is compulsory for all year groups (although they will be informed, when the weather is deemed too warm, that they do not need to wear them).
- Outdoor Coat – Plain, dark coat to be worn, when necessary, in cold weather over College blazer. This garment should be regarded as the overcoat. Coats should be removed on entry to the building.
- College Bag, bearing the College badge / logo.
- Make-up, including fake tans, false nails, and nail varnish must not be worn.
- No jewellery allowed. The College reserves the right to request removal and to confiscate if necessary.
- Extremes of hair style and hair colouring are not acceptable. Hair fashion accessories are not to be worn. When hair bands are worn, they should be dark & plain. Long hair must be tied up for practical lessons.
- Sixth Form students are required to wear Business Dress and are asked to refer to the code of dress in the [Sixth Form Handbook](#) before purchasing this.

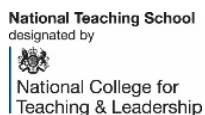
As well as the uniform policy, may I remind you about mobile phones, which are not to be seen or heard between the start and end of the College day. If a mobile phone is seen or heard, or if we discover that a phone has been used, it will be confiscated, for a parent / carer to collect from Reception.

I apologise that there is a lot to take in here, but I will be in touch again before the end of the holiday, with reminders about some of the key points, along with any additional guidance that we have received. I will also prepare a presentation, that will be available on the College website before the end of the Summer holiday. In the meantime, I look forward to meeting many of our new Year 7 students at our Summer School in August. If you do have questions about any of the issues above, please feel free to email my PA, Mrs Metherringham, at principalpa@allhallows.org.uk

Have a happy, safe and restful Summer.

God Bless

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