



# Archbishop Tenison's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

## Year 9 - Detailed Plans from Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September

Further to the whole school letter from Mr Parrish sent on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August, I can now communicate in more detail the planned phased return to school for Year 9 pupils. I hope you read in Mr Parrish's letter that we will focus on providing each year group a session for induction and testing.

As pupils have potentially mixed with lots of other people during the summer holidays, all secondary school pupils should receive 2 on-site lateral flow device tests, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return. Pupils and students should then continue to test twice weekly at home until the end of September, when this will be reviewed.

Thank you to those Year 9 parents and carers who have already given consent for their child to be tested using an LFD in school. You did this last academic year, you do not need to give consent a second time. We were so pleased with the support our parents and carers gave the initiative as we started back in 2021.

On Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September pupils should wear full school uniform. Pupils will need to wear a face covering if they are travelling on public transport, they do not need to wear a face covering on-site. *(There is a full list of COVID updates at the end of this communication).* Pupils will need to bring their school bag and a fully stocked pencil case. The purpose of the day will be to welcome pupils back to school, complete a lateral flow test, connect with their peers, have an essential and important session with their tutor, receive COVID updates about how we will stay safe this term, engage with their new timetable, new routines, new ways of working together and finally meet with their Head of Year, Miss Miller and the member of the Senior Leadership Team responsible for the year group in 2021-22, Mrs Gravett.

The school canteen will not open to pupils on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

## Year 9 Schedule Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September

- 8am** - School gate will open for pupils to arrive (**orange gate by West Courts**)
- 8.20am** - Pupils must have arrived onsite by 8.20am
- 8.25am** - Pupils should line-up in their tutor groups on the West Courts. Form tutors will collect and take pupils to the first of four carousel activities shown below
- 11.50am** - All Pupils will be dismissed from the school site

## Year 9 Carousel Activities

Year 9 AM Rotation (4x50 mins)	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D
Becket	Testing	Tutor Time	New Routines	Vision for Yr 9
Fisher	Vision for Yr 9	Testing	Tutor Time	New Routines
Ramsey	New Routines	Vision for Yr 9	Testing	Tutor Time
Temple	Tutor Time	New Routines	Vision for Yr 9	Testing

Any pupil with a positive LFD test result from their two onsite LFD tests at the start of term will be contacted and asked to self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. They will also need to get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19.

Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate.

If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the pupil can return to school, as long as the individual does not have COVID-19 symptoms.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September – No school for Year 9 pupils**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**Year 9** pupils start their first full day or lessons.

The school canteen will open from Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September for all pupils. Breakfast will be served from 7.45 for pupils wishing to access this service. Please ensure your ParentPay account for the canteen has been topped up.

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September the day will start at St Matthew's church. Year 9 and Year 11 will have a Start of Year Service. Year 9 pupils will need to register with their tutor at St Matthew's church at 8.20am on this day.

Also on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September, throughout the day pupils will be taken out of lessons for a very short amount of time to complete the second of two lateral flow tests. Twice weekly home testing will start week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> September and we are asking pupils and students to test twice weekly until the end of September. Pupils will be sent home with their home testing kits on this day.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Cook', with a small flourish at the end.

Mr Andrew Cook  
Deputy Headteacher

## **COVID updates**

***'As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education - particularly given that the direct clinical risks to children are extremely low'***

### **1). Isolating**

Unvaccinated young people up to the age of 18 years and 6 months, are now no longer required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone with Covid-19, including if they live in the same household. Those identified as a close contact will be informed by NHS Test and Trace that they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

There is no requirement to self-isolate while awaiting PCR test results, therefore pupils identified as close contacts should continue to attend school as normal.

### **2). Face Coverings**

Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils either in classrooms or in communal areas. The Government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn on public transport and dedicated transport to school.

### **3). Mixing and 'bubbles'**

It is no longer recommended that it is necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles'). This means that bubbles will not need to be used in schools from the autumn term.

### **4). Response to an 'outbreak'**

If there is a substantial increase in the number of positive cases in our school or if central government offers the area an enhanced response package, a director of public health might advise a setting to temporarily reintroduce some control measures

### **5). Control measures**

We will encourage and provide:

1. Good hygiene for everyone.
2. Appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

**Pupils and students** should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine). If anyone in school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, we will send them home and they will be asked to follow public health advice.

Please know if a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending school who has symptoms however mild, the school can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in its reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.