



16th July 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

THANK YOU

As we approach the end of another busy academic year I have thought firstly how long ago September seems, when we opened fully expecting some disruption to the year but probably not on the scale we have seen. Then there are times when I think the year has passed in the blink of an eye as once again Y11 learners leave school awaiting their teacher assessed grades (TAGs). The year has challenged us all; however, I am incredibly proud of the way the learners have responded to the challenges of the year. Learners have demonstrated resilience and flexibility; staff commitment and determination to provide the best educational offer we can has been unfailing and the support we have received from you, when you have been facing other incredible personal challenges has been phenomenal and truly appreciated.

Year 11 results Day – August 12th 2021

National results day is Thursday 12th August. In order to ensure Y11s have their results without delay, we will be emailing them their results between 8:30am and 9:00am on results day (we are not allowed to release result before 8:30am). We therefore need their email address. We cannot email the results to an address that does not have their name in it.

Those who do not provide an email address will have their results delivered to their address between 9:30am and 12:30pm on results day. Those who have moved out of the area and who have not provided an email address will need to provide a stamped self-addressed envelope for their results to be posted to them.

There will be someone in school on results day to offer post-16 guidance if required. Please telephone on the day for a discussion or to make an appointment to come in and talk – we cannot guarantee how long people will have to wait if they just turn up.

September 2021 – Opening for the new school year.

As I write, guidance from the Government (DfE) states:

'As part of Step 4, expected to take place on 19 July, 'bubbles' will end for all children under 18, social distancing will no longer be necessary, and schools will not need to stagger start and finish times'. 'Two onsite tests should be taken by each secondary school and college student on return, followed by twice weekly testing at home. The Government will review testing requirements by the end of September'

Taking the above announcements into account, we are slightly adapting the return to school for our secondary aged learners to allow onsite Covid-19 testing to occur. Remember, your children will only be tested for Covid-19 if we receive your consent.

Please see below for the September 2021 return dates:

Friday 3 rd September	Secondary-aged learners (KS3 & KS4) ONLY 8:30 – 12:30 Onsite testing at the Hindley site for secondary learners	
Monday 6 th September	Primary learners start as normal	Onsite testing at the Hindley site for secondary aged learners 9:00 – 10:30 KS 3 11:00 – 1:00 KS 4
Tuesday 7 th September	All learners attend as normal.	

September home-testing for secondary-aged learners

The government expect secondary-aged learners (and all staff) to continue with twice weekly home testing. Your child will be given a pack of lateral flow test kits when term starts so that they can start doing home testing from Wednesday 8th September. Although these tests are voluntary, we strongly recommend your child does this, testing each Wednesday and Sunday and that you notify school of the results.

Protective measures

Children and young people are being actively encouraged to continue wearing masks when travelling to/from school on public transport, and we support this. We have no plans to introduce compulsory mask wearing unless Public Health guidance changes. Therefore, to keep all members of the school community safe please **do not** send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms, including new symptoms associated with the Delta Variant:

- Fever (high temperature);
- Cough;
- Loss of taste and/or smell;
- Sore throat;
- Blocked/runny nose;
- Diarrhoea;
- Vomiting;
- Long-lasting headache;
- Aching muscles;
- Tired/exhausted and feeling unwell.

We will send home anyone with these symptoms either arriving at or developing them when at school.

Final Day of Term

Learners finish for the summer at 12:00 on Wednesday 21st July.

And finally.... on behalf of all the staff and Governors, I wish you and your families a safe, healthy, sunny, and enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher