



Bishop Stopford's School

Brick Lane, Enfield, Middlesex, EN1 3PU

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26th August 2021

Dear Parents /Carers,

We are in the process of preparing our return to school in September and following Government guidance I am now able to write to you to outline our plans. We want to ensure that all children and students can experience as much normality and stability in their education as possible. We will be maximising face to face learning, but may still need to utilise on line learning in the event of students contracting Covid. However under 18's will no longer be required to isolate if they come into close contact with a positive case. High numbers of absences in the last school year, across the country, were due to close contact with a confirmed case; this will now be minimised. Attendance to school is critical in ensuring that your child does not fall behind and it is imperative that they attend every day and are on time in order to maximise learning.

The risks of severe illness from COVID-19 are extremely low in children and young people. The school will continue to adhere to strict hygiene and cleaning measures, good ventilation and regular testing, and we will be in a position to allow students more freedom to move around the building and access our specialised facilities. We will of course be reviewing our control measures throughout the school year and may, if there is a serious outbreak of Covid, have to revert to our contingency plan which may include a return to teaching in bubbles and the wearing of face masks.

THE SCHEDULE FOR OUR RETURN IS AS FOLLOWS;

Wednesday, 1st September and Thursday 2nd September – staff inset days (no students in school)

Friday, 3rd September – year 7 and 12 only

Year 7 induction day – arrival 8.30am, end of school day 3.10pm

Year 12 enrolment – Students to arrive via the Sixth form gate at the times detailed below

9.00 - 9.45am – Surnames A-D

11.15 – 12.00pm – Surnames E – K

12.15 – 1.00pm – Surnames P – Z

1.45 – 2.30pm – Students progressing from Year 12 Foundation courses

Monday, 6th September – ALL students return to school at the normal time of 8.30am via the main entrance.

RETURN TO NORMAL TIMINGS OF THE DAY

We will be, where possible, be returning to a more normal way of working. The school day, break times and lunchtimes will no longer be staggered for different year groups and students. It is essential that all students attend every day and arrive on time. The school day timing are as follows;

8:30 – School Starts

8:30 – 8:55 Form Time

8:55 – 9:55 Period 1

9:55 – 10:55 Period 2

10:55 – 11:15 Break 1

11:15 – 12:15 Period 3

12:15 – 13:15 Period 4

13:15 – 14:00 Break 2

14:00 – 15:00 Period 5

15:00 – 15:10 Line Up

15:10 – 16:00 4pm Detention

SCHOOL UNIFORM; A RETURN TO NORMAL

Good uniform is indicative of a positive attitude to learning. All students will be expected to follow our normal uniform policy once we begin school in September. In particular, for years 7-11 blazers are compulsory. Coats or jackets must not be worn instead of a blazer. Black shoes must also be worn, not trainers.

During the summer term students were allowed to wear PE kit to school on the day of their PE lessons; this will no longer be the case. Students are now required to bring their Bishop Stopford's PE kit to school in a bag to get changed into their PE kit when they have PE in the changing rooms provided. Full school uniform must be worn each day to school.

VACCINATIONS AND TESTING

All students should continue to test twice a week if they are attending face to face education in school. You and or your child can continue to access rapid lateral flow testing, you can continue to do so by ordering LFD test kits from GOV.UK or by collecting kits from your local pharmacy.

In September, we will offer your child two tests on-site before continuing regular testing at home. This is the most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission and support the continuation of face-to-face education. We recognise, however, the need to minimise any disruption to education and to continue to support your child's mental wellbeing. The government will continue to review the future need for testing in light of any changes to the public health situation. Anyone who has received a positive PCR test result is advised not to retest for a further 90 days, as subsequent results may not be accurate.

You may recall that we conducted a series of three tests when the pupils returned to school in the spring. At that time, we asked you to complete an online consent form. Within that document, point 4, there is a clause that includes any future testing the school may be required to carry out. This means that we do not need to seek your consent for the proposed testing in the autumn term if you originally consented.

If you no longer agree to your child being tested at school, please send an email to covid@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk with your child's full name and year group along with a sentence stating that you now withhold your consent. This should be sent no later than Wednesday 1st September 2021. If no email is received, we will then act on your original consent from earlier this year. If you previously withheld consent but are now happy to give your consent, please complete the consent form using the following link by Wednesday 1st September: <https://forms.gle/f4mDKcxzuWH1zxq3A>. If no email is received, we will then act on your original consent from earlier this year.

Testing Schedule

Whole School LFT Timeline September 2021		
Year Group	Test 1 Date & Time	Test 2 Date & Time
Year 7	Friday 3 rd September AM	Tuesday 7 th September AM
Year 8	Monday 6 th September AM/PM	Thursday 9 th September PM
Year 9	Monday 6 th September PM	Thursday 9 th September AM
Year 10	Monday 6 th September AM	Thursday 9 th September AM
Year 11	Tuesday 7 th September AM	Friday 10 th September AM
Year 12	Friday 3 rd September AM	Wednesday 8 th September AM
Year 13	Monday 6 th September AM	Friday 10 th September AM



I would like to finish by saying that we are delighted to be welcoming our students back to school in September with a greater sense of normality. This year, no doubt, will present us with new challenges, but we are better prepared than ever. Now is the time for us to inspire your sons and daughters, to support their hunger for knowledge and to provide them with the skills to utilise that knowledge in their journey through life. Our students need us more than ever and we will, alongside our families, rise to the challenge.

Warmest wishes,



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