



CHARLTON SCHOOL

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Principal: Mr A McNaughton



14th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

This is my first whole school letter to include our new starters for September 2021. We are disappointed to have not met you all yet but are really looking forward to seeing you at summer school and on our return for the Autumn term. Our school community welcomes you all.

As we come to the end of another busy year heavily impacted on by Covid-19, our attention turns to starting back in September and whilst we had all hoped for a restriction free return, the government have asked for testing to occur prior to students starting back.

We will be implementing a similar process to that in March where students will attend site to have the first of two Lateral Flow Tests and then return home. Doing this will prevent students starting school who are positive and will reduce the impact on others. It was very successful when we returned from the last lockdown.

Testing in this way will not further delay our planned return to school dates of:

Tuesday 7th September – Year 7 and Year 11 only

Wednesday 8th September – All year groups

Please arrange for your child to attend school on the following days and times. They will be here for a very short period of time and will then return home. They should enter the building through the main reception:

Year 7 – Friday 3rd September	
Form Group	Arrival Time
7.1	8:45
7.2	9:05
7.3	9:25
7.4	9:45
7.5	10:05
7.6	10:25
7.7	10:45
7.8	11:15

Year 11 – Friday 3rd September	
Form Group	Arrival Time
11.1	12:15
11.2	12:35
11.3	12:55
11.4	1:15
11.5	1:35
11.6	1:55
11.7	2:15
11.8	2:35

Year 10 – Monday 6th September	
Form Group	Arrival Time
10.1	12:15
10.2	12:35
10.3	12:55
10.4	1:15
10.5	1:35
10.6	1:55
10.7	2:15
10.8	2:35

Year 8 – Tuesday 7th September	
Form Group	Arrival Time
8.1	8:45
8.2	9:05
8.3	9:25
8.4	9:45
8.5	10:05
8.6	10:25
8.7	10:45
8.8	11:15

Year 9 – Tuesday 7th September	
Form Group	Arrival Time
9.1	12:15
9.2	12:35
9.3	12:55
9.4	1:15
9.5	1:35
9.6	1:55
9.7	2:15
9.8	2:35

We will conduct the second tests during school time on the following days:

- Wednesday 8th September - Year 7 and 11
- Thursday 9th September - Year 10
- Friday 10th September - Year 8 and 9

Following their second tests, students will be issued with a test kit box to allow them to undertake home testing until the end of September in the first instance. Please note that testing in school will be undertaken using the new Orient Gene Rapid Testing Kits, these are nasal swabs only, but the home testing kits are the original combined tonsil and nose swabs. I have shared links below, please discuss these with your child prior to them attending school for their test.

Orient Gene Test Instructions

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-home-test-kit-instructions-for-nose-only-test>

Home Test Kit Instructions

<https://youtu.be/S9XR8RZxKNo>

On our return to school, we are expecting all students to be back in full uniform and will change for PE when they have their lessons. Our uniform guidance can be found at the link below:

<http://charlton.uk.com/parent-student-information/uniform>

We are looking to maintain some of the measures we have implemented during the pandemic as these have had a positive impact in the school, these include staggered breaks and lunchtimes and our one-way system in school.

It is our understanding that the wearing of masks by staff and students will not be required after step 4 of the road map, this includes on the dedicated school's transport. Local Public Health teams have the powers to advise that masks should be worn if there is an outbreak, either in school or in the local community. We will support the wearing of masks if staff and students wish to do so if cases remain high in the Autumn.

In addition to these, we are also implementing a daily whole school reading session so please ensure your child has a reading book available to them at all times in school. We request that students bring a bag to school to carry this and the necessary stationery equipment.

Our timings for the school day are as follows:

	Activity
08:40	Student Arrival
8:45 – 8:55	Tutor
8:55 – 9:55	Lesson 1
9:55 – 11:10	Lesson 2 with a rolling break
11:10 – 12:10	Lesson 3
12:10 – 13:40	Lesson 4 with rolling lunch
13:40 – 14:00	Reading (Year 11 Maths and English Intervention)
14:00 – 15:00	Lesson 5

As previously advertised, please remember school closes at 1.30pm on Friday to all students, all school bus services will be running at this earlier time. We are also holding a non-uniform day on Friday to raise funds for the LCT foodbank, please bring £1 on the day in support of this great local cause.

Please remain vigilant and sensible once the restrictions have lifted, it would be great to return after the holiday with significantly lower Coronavirus rates than we are seeing currently in our local community.

Have a great, well deserved holiday.

Yours faithfully



Mr A McNaughton
Principal