

20 July 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

RE: Return to school for students in September 2021

I hope this letter finds you all well. I am writing to you with the arrangements for the start of the autumn term for each year group. Please note, the government are issuing further guidance regarding the return to school on the 1 September. Therefore, if any of the details below change as a result of the forthcoming guidance, we will notify you as soon as possible after 1 September.

In a letter last week, Mr Hemmings informed you that there is a requirement for the school to conduct testing via a lateral flow test before learning can begin in September. This is to ensure the start of term is as safe as possible for our school and wider community. The information below explains the plan for each year group regarding this.

Testing Arrangements

On Monday 6 September (staff Inset Day) students in Year 7 and 9 will be required to attend school to complete their first lateral flow test. After Year 7 and 9 students have completed their lateral flow test, students will return home for the rest of the day. Students in Years 8, 10 and 11 are not required for testing on this day, they must remain at home.

On Tuesday 7 September students in Year 8, 10 and 11 will be required to attend school to complete their first lateral flow test. After they have completed their lateral flow test, students will return home for the rest of the day.

Mrs Simpson, our Operations Manager, will write to you with further details about testing in terms of timing and location, in the very near future.

A second test for Year 7 and 9 students will be conducted on Thursday 9 September in school time, a second test for Years 8, 10 and 11 will be conducted on Friday 10 September in school time.

During your child's second test, they will be given their first pack of tests for home testing to continue the following week.

Return to School for Learning

Tuesday 7 September Year 7 and 9 Students Return

Year 7 and 9 students are required to arrive for an 8.30am start on Tuesday 7 September. Students need to report to the central courtyard area where their mentor will be waiting for them, students will be collected and escorted to their registration room.

Year 7 and 9 students will spend the first part of the day with their mentor from 8.30am to 11.15am. They will receive their student planner, their timetable and they will listen to important messages regarding routines and procedures at Oakmoor School. **Year 7 students will require their PE kit for the first day of term.**

Year 8, 10 and 11 students will only attend school on this day to complete their lateral flow test.

Wednesday 8 September Year 8, 10 and 11 Students Return

On Wednesday 8 September, all remaining students will return to school. All students are required to arrive for an 8.30am start and need to report to their mentor in their registration room.

Vertical Mentoring System

We are delighted to inform you that as from September, our vertical mentoring programme will return, with registration groups consisting of a small selection of students from Year 7 to 11. Your child has been informed who their mentor will be in September, and which room they need to report to. They have been asked to make a note of this in their student planner or a suitable notebook so that they can remember for September. We are very much looking forward to the return of this system to further strengthen our strong working relationships and Oakmoor family.

For further information regarding preparing for the start of term, please refer to the routines and reminders letter that has been sent to you.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and also to wish you and your families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming our students back to Oakmoor in September.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Moral
Deputy Headteacher