

21 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 Year 7 students. 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.

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 regarding this.

Testing Arrangements

On Monday 6 September (staff Inset Day) students in Year 7 will be required to attend school to complete their first lateral flow test. The timings and procedure for testing can be found below.

Students need to report to the dance studio which is situated within the sports hall and can be accessed via the car park gates. If you are not familiar with the school, please do not worry, there will be signs and staff to guide you. Parents and carers can use the car park to drop off and collect children. To help with congestion and social distancing within the dance studio, we ask politely that parents and carers do not escort children into the building please, unless absolutely necessary. School staff will support students through the process.

Students do not need to wear school uniform on Monday 6 September.

The whole process of testing takes less than 5 minutes and your child will be able to leave as soon as the test is over. The NHS will email/text results 30 minutes later - please do not worry if the message takes a little longer, in March the system had huge backlogs and it could take up to two hours for the message to be received.

We are unable to test a child unless consent has been given, please can I ask that you complete our online consent form by clicking on or copying the following link (depending on how you are reading this letter)

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wTqrvqanhE--yfvQtymoQtXdybKccMRAh1Vw5f67XiJUMzAySEZWNjQ4SFFYMzMzV0I0ODJGMjJEOC4u>

More information regarding our testing process can be found on our website in the Information Section, Covid 19 Mass Testing. If you have any questions regarding testing, please contact Mrs Simpson on c.simpson@oakmoor.hants.sch.uk. Mrs Simpson is working in the middle of the school holidays so will be able to respond then.

Please can students arrive during the following time slots, depending on their last name:

Last Name	Time Slot
A-B	8.30 – 9.00
C-F	9.00 – 9.30
G-I	9.30 – 10.00
J-N	10.30 – 11.00
O-S	11.00 – 11.30
T-Y	11.30 – 12.00

After Year 7 have completed their lateral flow test, students will return home for the rest of the day.

A second test for Year 7 will be conducted on Thursday 9 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 Students Return

Year 7 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, mentors will be holding a sign with their name visible. Students will be collected and escorted to their registration room.

Year 7 students will spend the first part of the day with their mentor from 8.30am to 11.15am. They will experience a tour of the school, they will receive their student planner, their timetable and they will listen to important messages regarding routines and procedures at Oakmoor School. Their first lesson will involve a House team building activity. Therefore, please can Year 7 students bring their PE Kit with them on the first day of term. Year 7 students will then follow their own timetable for periods 4 and 5. The school day will end at 2.45pm as usual.

Year 9 students will also be present in school on this day.

On the second day and all subsequent days, Year 7 must arrive promptly at 8.30am and go directly to their registration room.

Please can I request that any forms that are yet to be returned to the school office are completed and returned as soon as possible in September.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming our Year 7 students to Oakmoor School in September.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Moral
Deputy Headteacher