

Information for September 2021 - 2022

Excellent Partnerships for Learning - Excellent Personal Development

Excellent Achievement - Excellent Preparation for the Future

We are really looking forward to welcoming students back to school next week. This is a quick reminder of the arrangements. Please read it carefully to help with a smooth start to the year. The COVID risk assessment for September 2021/2022 will be on the website from Monday 6th September and will be under constant review. We remain committed to keeping everyone safe whilst ensuring that things return to as normal as possible. The 4 areas we will be focussing on are:

Good hygiene (hand and respiratory)
Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes
Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated
Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases.

Arrangements for start of the new academic year in September 2021

As students will potentially mix with lots of other people during the summer holidays, government advice is that all secondary school students should **receive 2 on-site lateral flow device tests, 3 to 5 days apart**, on their return in the Autumn Term. In order for us to do this effectively, we have put together the following start of year plan however their second test will take place once the students are fully back in school and following their timetables:

Testing Permission: **PLEASE TAKE ACTION NOW**

Please complete the new online consent form on the link below, if you have not already done so, so we can start all of our administration in preparation for testing. Please note that the previous consent form from last year will no longer count.

By testing, we will help to stop the virus spreading in September and help to keep school operating as safely as possible. The test is voluntary, but we strongly encourage those returning to school to be tested. If you are happy for your child to be tested, please fill in the electronic consent form by clicking on the link below:

[Testing consent link](#)

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th are INSET days. Testing will also take place on these days.

Y7/12/13	Lessons start on Wednesday 8 th September
Y8/9/10/11	Lessons starts on Thursday 9 th September

Lateral Flow Testing – September 2021 – 2022

Day	Year group	Where
Monday 06.09.21	7, 12, 13	Dance Studio – entry through the orange dot. Students only attend school for the test.
Tuesday 07.09.21	10, 11	<p>Please see the separate table below for the time.</p> <p>Please attend in uniform – this is for safeguarding reasons given the amount of movement onto and off the school site. It is also an opportunity to check uniform is correct.</p>
Wednesday 08.09.21	8, 9	
Thursday 09.07.21	7, 12, 13	
Friday 10.07.21	10, 11	Students will be in school and will timetabled to take their second test from lessons
Monday 13.09.21	8, 9	

Testing Timetable

Day	Year group	When
Monday 06.09.21	7, 12, 13	8:00 – 9:00 – Staff briefing 9:10 – Year 12 10:10 – Year 13 11:10 – 7A 11:30 – 7B 11:50 – 7C 1:00 – 7D 1:20 – 7E 1:40 – 7F 2:00 – 7G
Tuesday 07.09.21	10, 11	8:30 – 10A 8:50 – 10B 9:10 – 10C 9:30 – 10D 9:50 – 10E 10:10 – 10F 10:30 – 10G 11:00 – 11A 11:20 – 11B 11:50 – 11C 1:00 – 11D 1:20 – 11E 1:40 – 11F 2:00 – 11G
Wednesday 08.09.21	8, 9	8:30 – 8A 8:50 – 8B 9:10 – 8C 9:30 – 8D 9:50 – 8E 10:10 – 8F 10:30 – 8G 11:00 – 9A 11:20 – 9B 11:50 – 9C 1:00 – 9D 1:20 – 9E 1:40 – 9F 2:00 – 9G

School expectations:

Mrs Atkinson sent out a letter detailing our back to school requirements for uniform and the processes we will be following to ensure consistency.

Whilst we appreciate that everyone has different opinions about uniform, we also know that parents understand that we cannot have different rules for different students. In a school of 1200 students we have to have clear guidelines in a range of different areas, including uniform, which facilitate the smooth running of the school. Uniform is one part of our commitment to excellent preparation for the future. Please support us with this.

It is also essential that students are prepared for the new academic year. Students should have the following equipment:

Parkside School Equipment List
Planner – provided on the first day
Black/blue pens
Purple pens (to respond to feedback)
Pencils
Eraser
Ruler
Scientific calculator
Glue stick
Colouring pencils
A small pair of paper scissor
A pencil sharpener
A whiteboard pen
It is essential that students have an A4 bag to carry equipment
Water bottle
Reading book

There are a number of changes taking place this year as part of our commitment to support students, improve communication and accelerate progress. These will be communicated over the next few weeks.