



Church of England School
Executive Head and CEO: Mr A J Wilcock MA (Cantab)

22nd July 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

Start of Term for Year 7 – September 2021

Following the recent release of Government guidance for September, I am writing to provide you with information about the start of the new term.

Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) at Bishop Ramsey

We have been asked to test all students twice, 3-5 days apart at the start of term. For the new Year 7's, testing will take place on **Friday 3rd September**. This will be done at the start of the day and students will then continue with their induction day once the results are through. We are using the 'Orient Gene' LFT tests that only require nose swabs (not throat). These tests give a result in 15 minutes. We will contact you immediately if your child tests positive. The school day will end at 2:40pm on this day.

Consent and Results

We will only carry out the tests in school if you have given your consent. Consent can be given on the form below. Please also note the Privacy Statement attached to this email.

Your child will bring home a card with a barcode after their test and we ask you register the test with the NHS using the link below. When we have entered the results, you should then receive a formal notification form from the NHS. Please do be assured that if your child tests positive, you will have heard from us much earlier in the day.

<p>Consent for LFT testing at Bishop Ramsey</p> <p>Consent Form</p> <p>Please complete now.</p>	<p>Register a test - GOV.UK</p> <p>Please complete on the 3rd September The information will be on the card that your child brings home. The test site ID is BUOB</p>
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Timings of the school day from Monday 6th September

- 8:40am Students are lined up at their new muster points.
All students will enter through the Warrender Road gate.
- 2:55pm Lessons finish for the day.
- 3:00pm Some extra-curricular opportunities.



We have a two-week timetable and **Friday of week A** will have an earlier finish time of **2:30pm**. On this day, students will not have morning Form time, but instead will have a PSHE lesson with their Form Tutor during the day.

Please note, week commencing Monday 6th September is a week B, so the first earlier finish will be on Friday 17th September.

Covid-19 Measures

In line with the latest guidance there will be a significant reduction in Covid-19 measures, which should allow a much greater degree of normality in school life. Bubbles, isolation for close contacts, face masks and social distancing are no longer requirements. This will allow us to have a normal timetable with classes back in their specialist settings.

The following measures will be in place:

1. Hand washing and sanitising. The need for good hygiene remains high, the hand sanitiser and additional sinks will remain in place and students will be asked to use them regularly throughout the day.
2. An enhanced cleaning regime. We will retain additional cleaning staff to ensure that frequently touched surfaces are cleaned regularly throughout the day. Classrooms will remain stocked with cleaning products and students may be asked to wipe down their desks at different points during the day.
3. Good ventilation will be maintained throughout the building, balanced with the need for comfortable working temperature.
4. Advice and guidance from public health will be followed, should there be a rise in confirmed cases in the school or the local area. This will follow our outbreak management plan.

Please note:

- In the case of a positive result, the student will be instructed to self-isolate for 10 days.
- If your child or anyone in your household/support bubble is displaying symptoms of COVID-19, **you must stay at home**. The person with symptoms should get a PCR test at an NHS site.

Outbreak management plan

Should there be significant outbreak of cases, we have a series of measures that can be reintroduced to help restrict transmission in school. This would be activated in consultation with the Local Authority and Public Health England. The updated Covid-19 Risk Assessment will be available on the website in September.

If you have any questions, please email office@bishopramsey.school

Yours sincerely,



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