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Dear parents/carers

I hope you have all had a lovely summer with your families. We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to school next week. I hope your child is feeling refreshed and ready to restart their learning.

I thought it would be useful to remind you of the arrangements for the start of the new school term and give some updates on the COVID-19 measures that we will have in place when students return.

Start of Autumn Term 2021

In line with other Newport Schools, our **Year 7 and Year 12** students will return to school on **Monday 6th September** and **Years 8 to 11 and Year 13** on **Tuesday 7th September**. Their times and gates are detailed below:

Monday 6th September

- 08:25 Year 7 arrive at **East Gate** and head to the **East Cage**
- 08:35 Year 7 Welcome
- 08:45 Year 7 Tutorial (Tutorial, P1, P2)
- P3 Year 7 Teaching starts
- 11:30 - 13:00 Year 12 Arrive and Induction

Tuesday 7th September

- 08:35 Year 7 Tutorial
- 08:35 Year 8 arrive at **East Gate** and head to the **East Cage**
- 08:45 Year 9 arrive at **West Gate** and head to the **West Front of School**
- 09:00 Year 10 arrive at **West Gate** and head to the **West Front of School**
- 09:10 Year 11 arrive at **East Gate** and head to the **East Cage**

- 09:30 Year 12 and 13 arrive and head to form rooms
- All forms have tutorial until P2 (10:00)
- P2 Teaching starts for all students

School Day Timetable

Please see [here](#) for the new school day timetable. Please note that there are no longer staggered start times to the school day. All students are expected to be in school at **0835**. The school day ends at **1500**. We will, however, continue to release students in different year groups gradually at the end of the school day. This gradual departure of students allows us to reduce congestion on the roads outside of school and in turn, improve safety.

Uniform, Electronics and Equipment

It is important that students are prepared for the school day and focused on their learning. We are incredibly pleased with the vast majority of students who followed our school rules without question last year. We intend to continue making positive steps to ensure that students adhere to our high standards. The students were briefed on our expectations of school uniform, electronics and equipment before the end of term and a separate [letter](#) was sent to parents. Please could you and your child familiarise yourselves with this information. We want all students to have a positive start to the school year. Any issues with uniform, electronics and equipment will be dealt with by tutors and progress leaders on the first day of term.

Please note that students do not need to bring their PE kit on their first day back.

Lunch

The canteen will be open for students in **Year 8 to Year 13** from **Tuesday 7th September**. We need to set up our **Year 7** students on the biometric School Pay system when they join us next week. As soon as they have access to this system, they will be able to use the canteen. Therefore, in the meantime, please could **Year 7** students bring a **packed lunch** to school on Monday and Tuesday next week. **Year 7** students who are entitled to **free school meals** will be provided with their lunch.

COVID-19

There are new COVID-19 guidelines for schools that will come into effect on **20th September**. In the meantime, we will be operating very much as we were in July with a few changes.

The main measures are as follows::

- Allocated gates for different year groups on arrival at school
- Staggered and zoned lunch breaks
- One way-systems in the school buildings
- Sanitising when entering school buildings and classrooms
- Encouraging students to distance themselves from others
- Desks facing the front
- Maximising ventilation in classrooms - doors and windows open

Students will still need to bring a **face covering** to school unless they are exempt for a medical reason.

We will continue to encourage students to carry out a **LFD test** twice weekly (**Sunday and Wednesday** evenings). Students in **Years 8 to 13** should resume LFD testing on the Sunday before they return to school, i.e. **Sunday 5th September**. Students were issued with kits before the end of last term; they are also widely available from pharmacists and [online](#).

For our new **Year 7** students, we will need to gain permission from parents before issuing them with LFD kits. A separate email will go out to Year 7 parents today asking for consent to issue kits. The deadline for the return of the permission form is **Sunday 5th September**. LFD kits will then be distributed to all **Year 7** students with parental consent on **Wednesday 8th September**.

We will, once again, need to know if students have tested positive for COVID-19 either on a LFD test or PCR. Please report this information to school using the following email: covid19@stjuliansschool.co.uk.

Following national changes to the rules on **self isolation**, schools are no longer required to automatically ask whole year contact groups to isolate following a positive case. Any decisions related to close contact isolation will now be taken by TTP.

It is expected that the extent of mitigating measures in place will increase and decrease depending on the local and school prevalence of COVID-19. A framework has been developed by the Welsh Government to allow Local Authorities to work with schools to make local decisions. We will continue to update you on any changes as the term progresses.

And finally ...

I will write to you again next week. In the meantime, please contact the school if you have any general queries. The school phone lines will be open this Thursday and Friday from 0800 to 1530 on **01633 224490** or email on **info@stjuliansschool.co.uk**. For more specific queries related to your child, you may contact your child's progress leader from tomorrow onwards (email addresses are on the school website). Updates are also posted on our twitter account: @stjuliansschool

I hope your child enjoys the remaining few days of the summer holidays. We look forward to seeing our students in school again and our new Year 7 students joining us to start their journey at secondary school.

Yours faithfully



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