

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a restful break and your families are safe and well.

Stopsley High School are looking forward to welcoming the Year 9 cohort on Thursday 17th September into our community. We have introduced a variety of procedures to ensure the school is Covid secure; please ensure you are familiar with the details of our student and parent guide: [Student and Parent Guide](#).

In line with government guidelines we have staggered the school start and finish times to minimise the amount of students entering and leaving school at the same time. Please see below how this will impact your child's school day:

Year 9 start time: 8.30am - 8.40am. Students should enter the school premises via the front gate and head straight to their holding zone. This is the MUGA. Students should be in their holding zone by 8.40am at the latest.

Year 9 finish time: 3.05pm - 3.10pm. Students should exit the school premises via the front gate. ***If students are required to wait for a younger sibling they should do so in their holding area.***

Please note that the **MUGA** (Multi Use Games Area) is also known as the tennis courts.

On the first day students will be introduced to the new systems involved in how they move around the school, changes to classroom teaching, rewards and behaviour policies. This will be carried out during an extended form time, where they will get to know their new form tutor and carry out a series of activities that will focus on;

- Icebreaker/getting to know you activities
- Establishing and maintaining student wellbeing
- Stopsley High School expectations and routines

For lunches and to limit risk, the school is not accepting cash at all. The machines to put cash in are also decommissioned. Please ensure if your child wishes to buy food at school that you have preloaded their account using squid (please contact the year 9 pastoral team if you need help). Alternatively students can bring a packed lunch. The canteen will not be open at breaktime so please ensure your child brings a healthy snack if they wish to.

Please reassure your child that they do not need to worry, if they are unsure about what to do or where to go there will be plenty of colleagues on hand at a social distance to assist students as they arrive on the school premises and throughout the school day.

On the days your child has a PE lesson they must come to school wearing their PE Kit, which they will remain in for the entire day. ***Year 9 students will have PE on their first day, so they need to wear their PE kit into school.***

If your child wishes to wear a face covering in school please read the attached letter:

<https://tinyurl.com/yxshys6w>

The Year 9 pastoral team and I look forward to seeing your child on Thursday; should you have any queries in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me on the following email address - edaubeney@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss E Daubeney
Head of Year 9