

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

Stopsley High School is looking forward to welcoming our 'new' Year 8 back to school on Tuesday 15th 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](#) and that your child has also read it.

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 8 start time: 8.20 - 8.30am. Students should enter the school premises via the back gate and head straight to their holding area entrance. Students should be on the premises by 8.30 am latest, at this point the entrances will be locked and they will need to report to the main reception. ***The staff team will be on hand to direct students for the first few days until they become familiar with the new systems.***

Year 8 finish time: 3.05pm - 3.10pm. Students should exit the school premises via the back gate. ***If students are required to wait for a younger sibling they should let their tutor know on the first day.***

During the start of their first few days students will be taught the new routines that are based on government guidance and safety and we will also be working 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 8 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.

If your child rides a bike to school they must store and lock it in the cycle racks in the year 8 designated area for bikes: this is located behind the Sports Hall. This is the only place for year 8 bikes.

For days when your child has PE, they need to attend school in their PE kit as there is no changing room provision, they will remain in their kit all day. **They will not have a PE lesson on their first day back.**

If your child wishes to wear a face covering in school please read the attached letter:
<https://tinyurl.com/yxshys6w>

The Year 8 pastoral team and I look forward to seeing your child on Tuesday 15th September; should you have any queries in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact the team by phone on 01582 870936, or email lrowles@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk

Yours Sincerely,



Mr L Rowles
Head of Year 8



Miss S Mitchell
Assistant Headteacher