

20th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst we have continued to update you through the weekly newsletter we wanted to take stock following the most recent announcements regarding the movement to Step 4 of the national roadmap, before sharing our plans for a safe and smooth return to school for all of our students into the next academic year.

As you will be aware all students are strongly encouraged to complete 2 lateral flow tests upon their return to school. We have re-purposed the changing rooms and had them converted into testing bays, whilst colleagues have engaged with the necessary training and passed all required assessments in order to administer and process the tests accurately.

We are only offering these lateral flow tests for those **without coronavirus symptoms**. If you have been contacted by NHS Test and Trace to self isolate please do not enter the school site until this period has been completed. Full details of the changes that have been made to the expectations associated with contact tracing can be found [here](#).

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help staff and students to remain in our schools safely. Up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms and by testing we will help to stop the virus spread and help to keep our schools as safe as possible.

I must emphasise that the testing programme is voluntary, but I would encourage everyone to participate.

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained school staff. The 'lateral flow' tests are quick and easy using a swab of the tonsils and nose. Results (which take around half an hour from testing) will be shared directly with staff and the parents of students participating, so please ensure it is your mobile number that is included on the consent form which you will find in the link below.

It would be most helpful if you could take the time to complete the attached updated consent form by the 23rd August 2021, which will be pivotal in assisting us with our planning: [Lateral Testing Consent Form](#).

The exact details regarding your child's year group being tested and in turn how this impacts on their educational package can be read overleaf:

Year 7

Test 1 date: Friday 3rd September 2021 - **by appointment slot then return home**

Test 2 date: Tuesday 7th September 2021 - **in school**

Educational Package:

Monday 6th September	Tuesday 7th September	Wednesday 8th September	Thursday 9th September	Friday 10th September
Transition activities accessible from the website, details to follow.	Return to school - classroom learning	Return to school - classroom learning	Return to school - classroom learning	Return to school - classroom learning

Please be rest assured we are carefully planning students' transition back after the Summer break to enable them to be able to share how they are feeling so we can support them to make the process as smooth as possible. It would greatly assist us in our planning if you could encourage your child to complete this [well being survey](#) prior to their return.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support with our Positive Behaviour and Top Class Student systems. These underpin our desire to uphold high standards of uniform and behaviour across Stopsley High School.

Introducing the Top Class Student initiative has been highly successful, and has led to a strong upward trend in student achievements, which is impacting positively on our standards.

As we start the new academic year it is important that all students continue to strive to maintain these high standards in all aspects of their learning and conduct.

Please support us in the drive to raising standards, by ensuring your child is ready to start the new term with the correct uniform and equipment detailed below. Should you require any assistance with meeting these expectations, please do not hesitate to contact a representative from your child's year team.

Students must wear:

- a Stopsley High School branded jumper or cardigan, a white shirt, and a school tie
- either black tailored trousers (not cords, jeans, leggings, skinny fit or fashion trousers)
- or black tailored skirt (not lycra or tight, and no splits, and **knee length**)
- appropriate black school footwear (no coloured stitching, logos or soles)
- for PE lessons Stopsley High School polo top, sports jacket and plain black shorts (no logos) or training pants(no logos).

In addition:

- no jewellery is to be worn apart from one small, plain stud in each ear lobe and a watch
- hair must be of a natural colour with no lines or patterns shaved in, or extreme styles
- no eyebrow patterns/shavings are permitted
- any hair bands should be plain black or navy only (no patterns, bright colours, bows or polka dots)
- makeup including false lashes are **not permitted**
- acrylic nails and nail varnish are **not permitted**

The branded items of the uniform can be purchased online from <http://www.prestigedesignwww.co.uk/live/> .

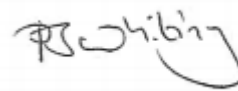
Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing our consistently high Top Class expectations.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish a you a restful Summer break.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher



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