

11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 8 back to school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March to follow their timetable, which will be a **Week 2**.

We write to remind you of the arrangements made this academic year which have been put in place following the guidance for full opening of schools published by the Government on 2nd July 2020:

### [Student and Parent Guide September 2020](#)

We continue to review and refine the measures needed to minimise the number of contacts that a student has during the school day, to help reduce the risk of transmission in school. We are confident that these measures will help to ensure that fewer students will be required to self-isolate in liaison with Public Health.

As a result, the following adjustments have been made to daily routines:

1. Students to wear masks at all times when in the school building, including the classroom setting, unless they fall within the exempt category. Please note, masks must be worn correctly (see [WHO](#) guidance here) and be one solid colour only, without markings. We suggest that you provide your child with one mask to keep in their school bag within a plastic bag in addition to the mask your child will be wearing to school.
2. Students to be provided with the opportunity to receive 3 lateral flow tests in school
3. Students will be provided with the opportunity to participate in home testing from week commencing the 15th March. If you would like a home testing kit please complete this [survey](#)
4. The cohort will be required to bring their own packed lunch during week commencing the 8th March. Parents and carers of students entitled to free school meals who have registered for the online voucher scheme, will continue to receive a 'Huggg voucher' for £15.

In line with government guidelines, we continue to stagger the school start and finish times to minimise the amount of students entering and leaving school at the same time. Please see the following information on 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 systems again.

**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 tutor time, students will be reminded of the health and safety routines in place and Stopsley High School's expectations and routines. A focus will also be placed on establishing and maintaining student wellbeing.

Students should continue to wear PE kits on their scheduled day, as the changing room provision remains closed.

We, along with the Year 8 pastoral team, look forward to seeing your child on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March; should you have any queries in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact the team using the contact details below:

Mr Rowles: [lrowles@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk](mailto:lrowles@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk)

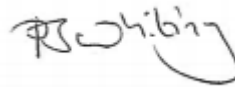
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We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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