



July 2021

Arrangements for the start of Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It is most regrettable that our summer term has ended with the need to close school to students for the last few days of term. With a staff member testing positive, and a high number of staff being required to self-isolate, it has proved impossible for reasons of health and safety to keep the school open to students. This is disappointing, and not the term-end we would have wished for.

However, we are optimistic for the full opening of school in the Autumn term, and with 'normal routines' for all year groups from Friday 3rd September. Students will no longer be taught in 'bubbles' nor be expected to maintain social distancing. **However, we will still be expecting students to wear masks in communal spaces.**

The following information applies to Years 7 to 11. Information for Years 12 & 13 will follow from SFH6.

Within this letter you will find information specific to your son and his return to school in regards to the Lateral Flow Tests we will need to carry out prior to students starting their face-to-face lessons - please refer to the table below for details.

There is a lot of information in this letter and I would be grateful if you could take the time to read through carefully. However, should the government issue revised guidance prior to the start of term, we will of course, notify parents and carers as soon as possible, with advice and guidance as appropriate.

Everyone's safety - Lateral Flow Testing

Following the summer break, we have to ensure that each pupil receives two Covid-19 lateral flow tests (LFT) - one prior to their first day back, and the second during their first few days back in school, under supervision.

The testing programme is to ensure the safety of all members of the community for the start of the new academic year. In order to carry out the LFT in school (as stipulated by government), we require you to complete and return a consent form. If you have previously completed a consent form, it is not necessary to do so again. All Year 7 parents are requested to complete the form no later than **9am on Wednesday 1st September.**

To access the LFT consent form click [here](#) - I would be grateful if you could submit this as soon as possible.

Students can return to face-to-face lessons following their first negative test. Please see the table below for the planned schedule of testing for all year groups prior to their return to school. Their first day in school is also shown.

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Schedule for Lateral Flow Testing and Return to School

Year Group	1st Covid-19 LFT Date and Time	Date for classroom teaching to begin
Y7	Thursday 2nd September A7F 8.45am O7G 9.05am O7F 9.25am P7G 9.45am T7F 10.05am T7G 10.25am	Friday 3rd September Arrive 8.15am Mayow Road Gate
Y8	Friday 3rd September O8F 8.45am O8G 9.05am A8F 9.25am A8G 9.45am P8F 10.05am P8G 10.25am T8F 10.45am	Monday 6th September Arrive 8.15am Bampton Road Gate
Y9	Monday 6th September O9F 8.45am A9F 9.05am A9G 9.25am P9F 9.45am P9G 10.05am T9F 10.25am T9G 10.45am	Tuesday 7th September Arrive 8.15am Late Gate - Dacres Road
Y10	Monday 6th September O10F 12.00pm O10G 12.20pm A10G 12.40pm P10F 1.00pm P10G 1.20pm T10F 1.40pm	Tuesday 7th September Arrive 8.25am Bampton Road Gate
Y11	Friday 3rd September O11F 12.00pm O11G 12.20pm A11F 12.40pm A11G 1.00pm P11G 1.20pm T11F 1.40pm T11G 2.00pm	Monday 6th September Arrive 8.25am Mayow Road Gate

Please ensure that your son arrives at the correct allocated time for his Tutor Group, in full school uniform, via the public entrance to the Sports Hall located on Bampton Road. We are asking that you escort your son(s) to and from school to ensure maximum attendance for testing. Parking is available on local roads. You are welcome to wait outside the Sports Hall whilst your son has his test which is expected to be completed within the hour.

Following this first test, your son will leave immediately and return home. Your son's result will come through the NHS Test and Trace system to your email address and/or phone number. **As long as your son's test result comes back negative he can return to school as shown in the table above.** We will contact any pupils whose test returns a positive result, and they will be expected to immediately follow the standard guidelines for self-isolation, Test and Trace etc. The second LFT will occur in school during the following school weeks and will be carried out under appropriate supervision.

School expectations and protocols

Arrival and Dismissal - we have decided to continue with the staggered start times and students using their own dedicated entry and exit gates. You should have already received information about us reverting to early closure on Mondays.

Staggered arrival at a specified access point:

Arrival			Dismissal		
Year 7 from 8:15am	Front Gate	Mayow Road	3:00pm (Tuesday to Friday)	Front Gate	Mayow Road
Year 8 from 8:15am	Back Gate	Bampton Road		Back Gate	Bampton Road
Year 9 from 8:15am	Late Gate	Dacres Road	2:40pm (Monday)	Late Gate	Dacres Road
Year 10 from 8:25am	Back Gate	Bampton Road		Back Gate	Bampton Road
Year 11 from 8:25am	Front Gate	Mayow Road		Front Gate	Mayow Road

Students will be expected to follow the procedures below:-

Travel to and from school - it is advisable for students to continue to avoid using public transport wherever possible. We suggest walking or cycling to school, even if this is a little more inconvenient than the usual way of getting to school. Students cycling to school will need to obtain a bike pass from their Head of Year.

Face coverings - although the government is lifting most of the earlier restrictions, we have decided it is prudent for us to continue with mask use for everyone when in communal areas of the school, as is the case now. Please note this expectation and ensure your son comes to school with a minimum of two masks for use during the day. Medical exemptions will continue to apply as previously.

Classrooms - your son will have his lessons taught in a range of classrooms, and be moving around the school for his different subject lessons, as in pre-Covid times. Each classroom will still have hand sanitiser etc available, enabling everyone to continue to maintain good hand hygiene.

Equipment - students must bring their own writing equipment to school each day, to be used only by them. Again, we think it advisable that there is no sharing between students.

Signage - signage around the site reminding of good practice with hand hygiene and the wearing of face coverings, will remain in place - although there will no longer be a need to socially distance.

Social times - we have decided to continue with staggered lunch and mid-morning break times - please refer to table below.

Water - all water fountains on site will be reinstated, although we continue to recommend that students also bring in their own water bottle. These can now be filled on site from the various water sources available.

Uniform - students will be expected to wear full uniform when attending school. Please ensure that your son has all items of uniform in advance of his first Lateral Flow Test in September - as stated earlier he should wear uniform to attend the test.

I hope the above information is clear and allows our families to be fully prepared for the start of the new academic year. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office by phone or on info@foresthillschool.co.uk.

All information is also available on our website at www.foresthill.lewisham.sch.uk

We are eager to return to 'normal' school days after this long period of disruption and uncertainty. Everyone is keen to welcome back our students and focus our attention on progress and learning in a more familiar environment. We hope you and your son(s) will feel reassured and enthusiastic about the Autumn term - let's get off to a great start by encouraging and supporting the boys for a confident September return.

With best wishes for an enjoyable summer break,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M J Sullivan', with a wavy underline.

Michael Sullivan
Headteacher

See table below for timings of the school day

Timings of the school day 2021-22

Normal Day (Wednesday – Friday)

Years 7-9		Years 10-11		SFH6	
8:15-8:25	Arrival and line up	8:25-8:30	Arrival and go to tutor time		
8:30-8:50	Tutor time	8:30-8:50	Tutor time		
8:50-9:50	P1	8:50-9:50	P1	8:50-9:50	P1
9:50-10:50	P2	9:50-10:10	Break	9:50-10:50	P2
10:50-11:10	Break	10:10-11:10	P2	10:50-11:10	Break
11:10-12:10	P3	11:10-12:10	P3	11:10-12:10	P3
12:10-13:10	P4	12:10-13:00	Lunch	12:10-13:10	P4
13:10-14:00	Lunch	13:00-14:00	P4	13:10-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	P5	14:00-15:00	P5	14:00-15:00	P5

PSHCE Day (Tuesday)

Years 7-9		Years 10-11		SFH6	
8:15-8:25	Arrival and line up	8:25-8:30	Arrival and go to tutor time		
8:30-9:00	Tutor time	8:30-9:00	Tutor time		
9:00-9:55	P1	9:00-9:55	P1	9:00-9:55	P1
9:55-10:50	P2	9:55-10:15	Break	9:55-10:50	P2
10:50-11:10	Break	10:15-11:10	P2	10:50-11:10	Break
11:10-12:10	P3	11:10-12:10	P3	11:10-12:10	P3
12:10-13:10	P4	12:10-13:00	Lunch	12:10-13:10	P4
13:10-14:00	Lunch	13:00-14:00	P4	13:10-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	P5	14:00-15:00	P5	14:00-15:00	P5

Early Closure Day (Monday)

Years 7-9		Years 10-11		SFH6	
8:15-8:25	Arrival and line up	8:25-8:30	Arrival and go to tutor time		
8:30-8:45	Tutor time	8:30-8:45	Tutor time		
8:45-9:45	P1	8:45-9:45	P1	8:45-9:45	P1
9:45-10:45	P2	9:45-10:05	Break	9:45-10:45	P2
10:45-11:05	Break	10:05-11:05	P2	10:45-11:05	Break
11:05-12:00	P3	11:05-12:00	P3	11:05-12:00	P3
12:00-12:55	P4	12:00-12:50	Lunch	12:00-12:55	P4
12:55-13:45	Lunch	12:50 -13:45	P4	12:55-13:45	Lunch
13:45-14:40	P5	13:45 -14:40	P5	13:45 -14:40	P5