

3 September 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I trust you enjoyed the summer break and feel ready for the new academic year ahead. Ahead of students returning next week, I am writing to share some key pieces of information with you.

Lateral Flow Testing

Thank you for your support as families for the programme of Lateral Flow testing over the past two days. Students' second test will take place on either Monday or Tuesday, during the school day. Students in Years 7, 10 and 11 are due in school on Monday at 8.30am and students in Years 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 start back on Tuesday at 8.30am.

COVID Control Measures

Although restrictions have now been lifted, we will continue to mitigate the risks posed by COVID-19 by taking the following steps:

- We will ensure good hygiene, through regular hand-cleaning for everyone, as well as continuing to follow the 'catch it, bin it and kill it' principle.
- We will continue to maintain enhanced cleaning regimes.
- We will ensure well-ventilated spaces.
- We will continue to follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- We will continue to encourage twice-weekly lateral flow testing at home.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club runs every day in the Diner from 8.00am; students can come into the building from that time, purchase something to eat or drink, spend time with friends or get on with some homework or revision.

Open Evening

For those families with younger siblings, our Year 6 Open Evening takes place on **Monday 27th September**. We are delighted to be offering a live, 'in-person' Open Evening. In order to mitigate ongoing COVID risks and reduce the number of visitors simultaneously on site, we are offering families 3 different time slots:

- 3.30pm
- 5.00pm
- 6.30pm

For any families who do not have younger siblings or are unable to attend, please see the 'virtual tour', available on our website here: <https://www.wilsthorpe.ttct.co.uk/information/virtual-tour/>

More information will follow shortly about this important event in our calendar.

Family Handbook

I trust you received a copy of our Family Handbook over the summer holiday. We have worked hard to include all of the key information for families, so I would urge you to take time to read this, along with your child if possible. In case you haven't received your copy by post, it is available on our website here: <https://www.wilsthorpe.ttct.co.uk/information/family-handbook/>

School Uniform

It is particularly important, following the summer break and the different expectations in place as a result of the pandemic, to reiterate the necessity for all students to be wearing full, correct school uniform from the day that they return to school. We will be challenging those students who fail to meet the uniform standards, which are clearly outlined in the Family Handbook.

5-period Day

From Monday, the school day will return to a more familiar structure with students experiencing 5 lessons each day. It will be wonderful for students to once again enjoy a wider range of subjects and specialist teaching spaces throughout the day.

Catch-Up Provision

As part of our catch-up provision, the school has invested heavily in broadening its capacity to deliver additional specialised teaching throughout the year. This will involve some children receiving additional tuition in small groups during the school day, for certain subject areas.

I and the whole staff team very much look forward to welcoming your children back to school over the coming days.

With kind regards,



Mr D Hobbs
Headteacher