



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that letter finds you and your family safe and well. For anyone who is celebrating Eid we would also like to wish you and your family Eid Mubarak for next week.

As we come to end of what has been another busy year I wanted to send you a few short messages about the summer holidays and the return to school in September. This has been a year that has brought with it a number of challenges for the school, teachers, students and parents and we appreciate the hard work that your students have shown across the year and we hope that you are all able to find time to relax and reset over the summer break.

The last week of term is a busy one with a trip day on Wednesday, our usual end of year celebration assemblies taking place and the final day of the school year will be Friday 23rd July and this will be a **half day with students leaving at 12.15pm**. We know that this has been a long and busy school year but there it is a requirement that your student remains in school until the very end of term.

September Return to School

In September we will be returning to a number of our pre-covid regulations:

- The need for year groups to be kept in bubbles is no longer a requirement from the government and so students will be able to access all of the facilities and classrooms for their subjects.
- Students will all begin the day at 8.40am and end at 3.30pm with the staggered start and finish times coming to an end.
- All students will enter through the main gate and exit out of Belling Crescent.

Testing in September

After the summer break the government have asked all secondary students to undertake two COVID-19 tests in school in the first week back. This will then be replaced by the testing at home by the second week of term.

If you have already signed the consent form for the testing that was completed this year you do not need to sign it again. If you have not signed the consent form previously or you are the parent or carer of a student who joined us after testing, please sign the consent form using the link here:

<https://forms.gle/SSAPDYqGAjcTi1UJ8>

Under guidance, students will self-administer the test themselves. This is a nose and throat swab and processing of these tests will be conducted at a dedicated testing site in the school with results available in around 30 minutes. A second test is then carried out three days later.

NHS Guidance will be available in the school and at the dedicated testing sites. The guidance is also available at the following web link: -

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/946612/How_to_do_your_test_COVID_19_instruction_leaflet_for_schools.pdf

You can also watch staff and students who took part in a pilot talking about their testing at the following direct web link: -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zqk1mhdty&feature=youtu.be>

If the lateral flow test result is negative, the parent will not be contacted.

The two Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) will not be compulsory. However, we strongly recommend that students undertake the tests in order to ensure that we are keeping the students, staff and families at Heron Hall safe.

Return to School Arrangements

Students will begin to return to school from Friday 3rd September. On the first day back in school they will test and return home. If they are negative, then they will come into school on the following day.

Year Group	First Test Date (Come into school to test and return home)	First Day of Lessons (If negative / not testing)
7	Friday 3 rd September	Monday 6 th September
8	Monday 6 th September	Tuesday 7 th September
9	Wednesday 8 th September	Thursday 9 th September
10	Monday 6 th September	Tuesday 7 th September
11	Friday 3 rd September	Monday 6 th September

The reason for this order is to allow those students in the exam years to return earlier whilst also giving students who are in Year 7 time on Monday 6th when there will be fewer students in school.

We will be in touch on social media regarding specific timings for the testing closer to the time.

Summer Holidays Guidance

Please be mindful that there are still quarantine requirements in place for some travel destinations. If you are choosing to go away this summer you will need to factor this in to your travel plans in order to ensure that your child can return on their first day of school in the table above.

We hope that you do have a restful summer holidays and students are ready to come back in September for what will hopefully be a less disrupted year of school. Please stay safe over the summer and we look forward to welcoming you back in the Autumn.

Yours Sincerely,



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