

Monday 16th August 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. I also hope that you have been able to have a break over the summer and take advantage of the gradual reopening of society, as we recover from the pandemic.

I wanted to share our planning for the new term with you, however since my previous correspondence it has been necessary to make some changes to the start times for some year groups. As always, we are following the government covid guidance very closely. However, we are also adopting a cautious approach. The safety of staff and students will remain our most important priority.

Start of Term Dates/Lateral Flow Testing

The guidance states that students should be offered two Lateral Flow tests at the start of term. One of these must be given before they return to lessons. For this reason, we will need to spread the return to school of our students over several days:

Wednesday 25th August

- Year 7 arrive in school before 8.40am. Students will be given a Lateral Flow Test if their parents have consented, and then go to lessons.
- Year 11 will come in for Lateral Flow Testing from 11.30am. They will be tested and then return home. Year 11 students should arrive in school at the following times:

Arrival Time	Form Group
11.30am	11.1 and 11.2
12.15am	11.3 and 11.4
1.45am	11.5 and 11.6
2.30pm	11.7 and 11.8







Thursday 26th August

- Year 7 and 11 arrive in school before 8.40am. They will be in lessons all day.
- Year 10 will come in for Lateral Flow Testing from 8.30am. They will be tested and then return home. Year 10 students should arrive in school at the following times:

Arrival Time	Form Group
8.30am	10.1 and 10.2
9.15am	10.3 and 10.4
10.00am	10.5 and 10.6
10.45am	10.7 and 10.8

• Year 9 will come in for Lateral Flow Testing from 11.30am. They will be tested and then return home. Year 9 students should arrive in school at the following times:

Arrival Time	Form Group
11.30am	9.1 and 9.2
12.15am	9.3 and 9.4
1.45am	9.5 and 9.6
2.30pm	9.7 and 9.8

Friday 27th August

- Year 7, 9, 10 and 11 arrive in school before 8.40am. They will be in lessons all day.
- Year 8 will come in for Lateral Flow Testing from 8.30am. They will be tested and then return home. Year 8 students should arrive in school at the following times:

Arrival Time	Form Group
8.30am	8.1 and 8.2
9.15am	8.3 and 8.4
10.00am	8.5 and 8.6
10.45am	8.7 and 8.8







Tuesday 31st August

• All students arrive in school before 8.40am. All students will be in lessons all day.

Wednesday 1st September – Friday 3rd September

• All students whose parents have consented, will be offered a second Lateral Flow Test. This will be carried out within a normal school day.

Lateral Flow Testing Consent

Students will only be offered a Lateral Flow Test if parents have consented to this. Consent can be withdrawn at any time. We do urge you to give consent as the testing process contributes to keeping us all safe at Moat CC. If you have previously consented, that is still valid. You will not need to give consent again.

If you have not consented previously, but would now like to, the link is below. If you are a parent of a new year 7 student and you would like your son/daughter to take part in the Lateral Flow Testing, please use the link below. The link to our consent form is here \rightarrow <u>MCC Student Testing Consent</u>

Masks in School

Masks will no longer be compulsory in school in corridors or classrooms. However, students can choose to wear them. We recognise that many people in society want to adopt a cautious approach and we will support any student in this decision.

Break Time/Lunch Time

We are going to continue to keep year groups separate at break time and lunch time. This change has given students much more space and resulted in much shorter queues for lunch. Staff and students feel that this covid enforced change was very positive and should be retained.

Start of the School Day

We will be returning to all students arriving at school by 8.40am. If they arrive after that time, they will be marked late.

End of the School Day

Students will be dismissed at the times shown below:

Year 7,82.50pmYear 9,10,112.55pm









Covid Cases in School and Close Contacts

The school will no longer be carrying out any Track and Trace work. This means that we will not be sending home groups of students. **If a student does test positive, they should stay at home for the isolation period.** NHS track and Trace will contact the families directly of any identified close contacts of a student with covid.

Sanitiser and Ventilation of Rooms

These procedures will be kept in place.

I will continue to write to you regularly next term to update you on any changes that might be necessary. We are looking forward to a successful year ahead. We will ensure that your sons/daughters are well looked after and successful in their education.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours Faithfully,

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Mr B Killeen Principal





