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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking forward to your child joining us in September. Included in this pack is an information booklet for families, a pocket guide for students to use on their first day and a transition activity book which students can use to see what they will be learning in their subjects in year 7. The website now includes welcome information from our Progress Tutors for you to familiarise yourselves with the Year 7 team. We hope that this information will support students over the summer.

Students can hand their completed transition booklets to their progress tutors on their first day. Prizes will be given to the best work. The first official day at Montgomery will be Thursday 2nd September 2021, though as explained below we are asking families to bring in their child the day before between 2pm and 4pm. Gates will be open to students at 8.50am but staff will be out at 8.30am to support. Students should meet at the North gate (the bike sheds gate) and will be shown where to go by staff.

The new guidelines published by the Department of Education regarding the start of the Autumn term states that,

“All secondary school pupils should receive 2 on-site lateral flow device tests, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return in the autumn term.”

We want the new year 7's to have a full day at Montgomery on Thursday 2nd September with no disruption. **Therefore, we are asking for families to bring their child on Wednesday 1st September to complete the LFD (Lateral Flow Device).** To minimise the number of visitors on site we feel that the majority of new Year 7 students should complete the LFD test supervised by our staff, who will be testing them again in the second week. However, if any parent feels that their child will be particularly anxious then please let us know by emailing covidtesting@montgomery.fcat.org.uk. We do realise that some primary students have never completed the lateral flow test before and may be quite nervous by the prospect.

Students will enter the North gate (the bike sheds gate) for the testing and will **not** need to wear their uniform for the test. We hope that most parents will choose to give consent for the testing, though it is not compulsory. Students, where parents have chosen to reject consent, will start on Thursday 2nd September and will not be required to complete the test, however they must complete the **'REJECT CONSENT'** form explained below.

Students are required to complete 1 more test on-site, this will be completed during the school day. After the initial 2 tests, students will be expected to be tested at home by parents/carers. We will not be able to test any student unless a parent or carer has completed the Parental Consent form for Lateral Flow



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Testing. This is an electronic form and can be accessed via the school website, from the homepage click on 'Covid-19 Testing Consent Form'. At the bottom of that page there is two options to 'CONFIRM CONSENT' or to 'REJECT CONSENT'.

The link to the page is- <https://montgomeryschool.co.uk/covid-testing-consent-form>

It is essential that a parent or carer for every student completes one of these two forms by 29th August, as we will not let a student in to lessons until one of the two forms has been completed. They take about 5 minutes to complete.

Here is the planned timetable for testing on Wednesday 1st September:

7LKO	Mrs L Kozakiewicz & Mrs R Walmsley	Group 1	2:00pm
7SWO	Mr S Woodruff	Group 2	2:15pm
7CFE	Mrs C Fernandez	Group 3	2:30pm
7RMI	Mr R Mistry	Group 4	2:45pm
7JEN	Mrs J Ewing	Group 5	3:00pm
7SKI	Ms S Kinsey	Group 6	3:15pm
7JWA	Mr J Wade	Group 7	3:30pm
7CVA	Ms C Vallee	Group 8	3:45pm

At the present time, we are not intending for students to be required to wear masks in classrooms in September. Due to the complete uncertainty regarding Covid both nationally and locally as we look ahead to the summer break, we cannot rule out that students will still be wearing masks in corridors and dining rooms in September. We will communicate on this issue nearer to the start of term when we can assess the situation at the time. Our feeling at present, is that students and staff who still wish to wear masks should be able to.

I know this can be an anxious time for parents so please do not hesitate to contact us at school if you have any queries about any matter regarding your child's transition.

Yours sincerely

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