



# WEST HILL SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Further to the previous letter, we are now in a position to confirm our intended September start dates. The plan we have come up with minimises the disruption to your son's education, and allows as purposeful a start to the term in September as we can fashion.

In order to meet the Government's wish that all pupils have the opportunity to take 2 onsite Lateral Flow Tests at the start of the autumn term, and for schools to stagger their start dates to facilitate this, please note the following dates;

Wednesday September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 7 and Year 8 onsite testing
Thursday September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 9, Year 10, and Year 11 onsite testing
Friday September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 7 and Year 8 in school for induction
Saturday September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 and Year 8 onsite testing
Sunday September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9, Year 10, and Year 11 onsite testing
Monday September 6 <sup>th</sup>	School starts for all

Please also note that these dates refer to the year groups that your son will be in in September.

As previously, boys will be invited to take their test within a time slot. Further details regarding precise timings and instructions for the day will be issued in August via email. Please look out for this email.

Testing does remain voluntary, but is strongly encouraged. Boys will not be prevented from coming to school if they do not take a test. Our new Year 7 intake will be issued with further details regarding testing in due course. The need to continue with LFT at home, as families have been doing for many months now, remains unchanged.

All the above is subject to change, but we wanted to give families an early indication of the proposed start of term. In addition, our website and twitter account will be issuing updates as we approach September.

Finally, another update to the calendar, in response to the Government's recent announcement of an additional bank holiday for the next academic year, school will be closed on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Owens  
Headteacher