

Dear Parents/ Carers,

16 July 2021

**Start of Autumn Term Arrangements – More information to follow**

I do hope that you and your families are keeping well. We are not yet out of the period of restrictions and inevitably, some members of our community have been affected by the impact of the pandemic. Should any members of your family be affected, we sincerely hope that they make a full, speedy recovery and thank you for keeping us informed.

I wrote to you on the 5<sup>th</sup> July to provide you with an outline of arrangements for the end of this term and the start of next term. I am writing to let you know that given the anticipated announcement from the Prime Minister on the Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, we may need to refine our arrangements for the start of the autumn term.

The DfE has stipulated that all schools must once again engage in asymptomatic LFD testing, on site, with students. Schools have been informed that students must conduct two tests 3 – 5 days apart and may operate a staggered start for students in the first week to accommodate this. We would like all our students to take a test prior to their first day of return to allow students to start the academic year as quickly as possible. The second test will be incorporated into one of their early days in school.

We are asking our parents to please be patient as we use all the information which arrives from the government to refine our plans following the announcement on the 19<sup>th</sup> July. We will write to you all by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July with final details for the return to school of students.

We have learned from our experience this academic year not to be too hasty with our decisions and arrangements and we do not wish to overload our parents with various pieces of information.

We know that in January this year, there were some last-minute decisions which led us to change our plans and we anticipate that there may be further guidance shared with schools during the summer holiday period. For this reason, we kindly ask that you keep an eye on our website throughout the summer holiday for regular updates on the September arrangements for students.

All letters sent to parents are always uploaded to our [Letters Home](#) page on the school's website.

Thank you all for your understanding and patience at this time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and especially in supporting your child's attendance by ensuring they are at school every day and on time.

You will hear from me again next week.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs M Manderson  
**Headteacher**