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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the Prime Minister's recent announcement that step 4 of the road map will proceed, I write to advise you of the arrangements for the end of this term and beginning of the Autumn Term.

End of Term

Firstly, as advised in my previous communication, despite the government proceeding with step 4 of the road map on Monday, 19 July, Fairfax will keep all of our protective measures in place until the end of the Summer Term. This includes staggered start and end times and the wearing of face coverings in communal areas. We still have multiple bubbles isolating and want to avoid students being contact traced at the beginning of their holidays if possible. As step 4 commences, NHS will take over contact tracing for school students. If your child receives a positive test result, you should notify the Academy and book a confirmatory PCR test within 2 days. NHS contact tracing will not necessarily contact the Academy and will liaise directly with the parents/carers of the child. Fairfax Academy will not be isolating bubbles on Monday, 19 July or Tuesday, 20 July unless directed by PHE.

Thank you to all the parents that have taken the time to send a 'thank you' to a member of staff at Fairfax. It is lovely to see so many messages of thanks in what has been a very challenging year. The form will close on Sunday morning and only takes two minutes to complete. If you would like to send a message please click:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HnypklpiskmKnVw6Pae-8Gu393UTepOv-LLJKAEfjxUNU1XQU5TNTk5TFM4MURZUDRZTjK0SUdQUC4u>

At this time of year, we are always sorry to say farewell to some members of our team. We say farewell this year to Mrs Jones, Ms Kaur, Mrs Kimberley, Mr Lucas, Mrs Pardoe, Mrs Windridge and Mrs Wood. We wish them all the best as they take on new roles, relocate or head off to teach abroad.

We wish three of our colleagues a happy retirement as we say farewell to Mrs Dowdeswell, Mr Pooler and Dr Quigley.

Autumn Term

From 16 August students aged under 18 years and 4 months will no longer be expected to isolate if they come into contact with a positive Covid case. Students should continue to lateral flow test, and attend school as usual unless advised otherwise by PHE or NHS test and trace. Students that test positive for Covid will be required to isolate and be marked as absent due to illness.

Covid Testing

Lateral flow testing remains important in reducing the transmission of infection in schools. The government guidance requests that we test students twice on their return to school in September. This will require us to stagger the start of the term as follows:

	Slot between 8:45am - 11am	Slot between 11am – 4pm
Monday, 6 September	Year 7	Year 11 & Year 12*
Tuesday, 7 September	Year 8	Year 10 & Year 13**
Wednesday, 8 September	Year 9	Year 7 & Year 12
Thursday, 9 September	Year 11	Year 10 & Year 13
Friday, 10 September	Year 8	Year 9

*Year 12 will return home following their first test on Monday, 6 September

**Year 13 will return home following their first test on Tuesday, 7 September

Parents will receive a 15-minute slot for the first test and students should arrive at the school at this time. Once the first test is complete, students will go straight to lessons and attend school normally from then. Students will attend their second test from their lesson. Slot information will be sent on Friday, 3 September 2021 via email.

Parents that have previously consented to testing do not need to fill out the consent form again. For Year 6 parents and those that have not previously consented but wish to now, please read the attached privacy statement and complete the online form at:
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HnypklpiskmKnVw6Pae-8Gu393UTepOv-LLJKAeFjxUQzVYNzVYM0g3WThOU1IDSEVYVEJPUVhBUy4u>.

School Day

In September the timings of the school day will no longer be staggered. Students should arrive at school and be at their form room by 8:35am. The school day will end for all students at 2:50pm. All students will have form time with their form tutor, and House and Year Assemblies will be re-introduced.

Detentions

Fairfax will continue to operate a same day detention system. A reminder that schools are able to detain students without notice. However, Fairfax Academy notifies parents/carers as a courtesy around 2pm each day. More information on detentions can be found at www.gov.uk/school-discipline-exclusions.

Uniform

Students should wear full school uniform that is Fairfax compliant. Please ensure that student uniform is checked in plenty of time for the return to school to ensure students meet the uniform expectations. Any hair colours, nails or piercings that have been worn during the summer but are non-complaint should be resolved prior to 6 September 2021. I have attached the uniform overview for your reference and thank you for ensuring your child attends school wearing their Fairfax uniform with pride when they return.

Face Coverings

Students will not be required to wear face coverings in September. However, in the event of a local outbreak, the Academy may be advised to re-introduce them for a short period as a protective measure.

Additional Protective Measures

Students will still be encouraged to have good hand and respiratory hygiene and the school will also remain well ventilated.

Covid Symptoms

Students, staff and other adults must not come onto the school site if they are displaying the symptoms of coronavirus, or have tested positive in the last 7 days. The full list of symptoms can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works#people-who-develop-symptoms-of-coronavirus>.

Students displaying symptoms of the virus during the school day will be removed to a well-ventilated room and named adults contacted to collect them. Please be aware that staff attending to students displaying symptoms will wear appropriate PPE. If you are called because your child is unwell, please collect your child as soon as possible. Any child displaying symptoms should be tested as soon as possible and if the test is negative return to school. If the test is positive, the school must be advised and self-isolation guidance must be followed. This test must be booked by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> as lateral flow testing is for asymptomatic testing only.

All details contained within this letter remain under review, dependent on government guidance.

A copy of this letter will be re-sent at the beginning of the Autumn Term, and LFD test slots will be emailed out prior to your child's return to school.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your continued support throughout these unprecedented times. I wish you and your families a restful summer.

Yours sincerely



MRS D J BUNN
Head of Academy

Attachment: Privacy Statement
Uniform Overview