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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have all enjoyed a restful summer. Please find below a reminder of the details sent on 16 July 2021.

### Changes to Contact Tracing

As step 4 has commenced, the 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 no longer be isolating bubbles of students.

### 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 follow advice from PHE or NHS test and trace regarding taking a PCR test. 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
<b>Monday, 6 September</b>	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 11 &amp; Year 12*</b>
<b>Tuesday, 7 September</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 10 &amp; Year 13**</b>
<b>Wednesday, 8 September</b>	<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Year 7 &amp; Year 12</b>
<b>Thursday, 9 September</b>	<b>Year 11</b>	<b>Year 10 &amp; Year 13</b>
<b>Friday, 10 September</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 9</b>

**\*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 time slot for the first test and students should arrive at the school at this time. Non-consenting students should still arrive at their designated time slot along with their peers. 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 has been sent today via email. Please email [post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk) if you have not received your child's tutor group and time slot.

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=HnypklpiskmKnVw6Paee-8Gu393UTepOv-LLJKAeFjxUQzVYNzVYM0g3WThOU1IDSEVYVEJPUVhBUy4u>.

### **School Day**

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. Work detentions will also be reintroduced. More information on detentions can be found at [www.gov.uk/school-discipline-exclusions](http://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. If you wish for your child to wear a face covering, please email [post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk).

### **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.

Wishing all our students a positive Autumn Term. We are very much looking forward to welcoming them back to Fairfax.

Yours sincerely



**MRS D J BUNN**  
**Head of Academy**

Attachment: Privacy Statement  
Uniform Overview