



21st July 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

We are writing to inform you of the arrangements for the start of term in September.

Testing at the start of term

Current Government guidance requires schools to set up an asymptomatic testing centre for September where each student needs to have two rapid lateral flows - one before they start school and one 3-5 days later, once they are attending school. This was very successful in March in terms of identifying asymptomatic cases.

Students will be asked to test twice in our testing centre and unlike the lateral flows these rapid flows are for nostrils only! This means the system is quicker and easier for students. Students will be given lateral flow tests (nostril and throat like this academic year) to use at home twice a week until the end of September. These will be issued to the student at their first test.

Parents/Guardians/Carers will need to log the result with [NHS Track and Trace](#) and with Lord Grey via our [google form](#) (<https://forms.gle/nLdakznNyrA6BBom9>), it is imperative that this is done. The good news is that if you have consented previously, you will not need to consent again. If you did not give consent last time and would like to this time, please do fill in the [consent form](#).

Organisation of the first week

Monday 6th September, Tuesday 7th September

Students will be set work/projects to complete via the Lord Grey Virtual School platform in order to prepare thoroughly for the start of the academic year. Please do ensure they log on and complete the tasks.

Wednesday 8th September

At the allotted time students should please come to the main entrance where they will be shown to the testing centre in the gym. Please access this via the main entrance, there is limited parking. After the test students are to go home to complete the work set for them on the Lord Grey Virtual School.

Michelle Cowap	09:00	C08MCO
Sakshi Pabbi	09:10	C08LDI
Gemma Thomas	09:20	C08GTH
Matthew Davis	09:30	E08MDV
Roger Bellamy-Wood	09:40	E08RBE
Lloyd Rangairia	09:50	E08LRA
Danica Chase	10:00	L08DCH
Kate Hawkes	10:10	L08KHW
Maria Montgomery	10:20	L08MMO
Doreen Adams	10:30	T08DAD
Holly Cante	10:40	T08HCN
Abigail Maxwell	10:50	T08AMX



Thursday 9th September

Students will arrive at school before 8.40am and go to their form rooms. They will have an assembly in the Hall where we will talk about our expectations and introduce the students to the Lord Grey Way which is our code of conduct that all students must follow. We will review the new *Lord Grey Can* vision and our character values of Determination, Ambition, Curiosity, Civility and Integrity. Students will remain with their form tutor until the end of period 1, and go to normal lessons from period 2.

Please ensure monies are uploaded via parentmail for the school canteen if they should want to purchase food.

School will end as normal at 3pm.

Friday 10th September

Friday is a normal school day with an extended tutor session to incorporate other year groups starting school. The day will end at 3pm.

Week commencing 13th September

Students will repeat their second rapid flow test in our test centre on Monday during the school day. Students will be expected to lateral flow at home twice a week on a Sunday and Wednesday which will be reviewed by the government at the end of September as to whether this continues.

Dates of lateral flow-

Wednesday 15th September

Sunday 19th September

Wednesday 22nd September

Sunday 26th September

Wednesday 29th September

Managing the virus

As the Government moves to step 4 of the roadmap this marks a new phase in their response to the pandemic, moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day to day lives. We will no longer keep students in consistent bubbles, this means that assemblies can resume, canteens can open fully and there will be no need for year groups to avoid mixing during break and lunch. Face coverings will no longer be advised for students, staff either in the classroom or communal areas. However we may be advised by the government, public health England and the local authority if there is an outbreak in the school or locally that some of the previous restrictions may have to be temporarily re-introduced.

Please keep emailing us at covid.results@lordgrey.org.uk to register a positive Covid case so we can maintain the correct records of who can and will be able to lateral flow in the Autumn as you are unable to do so 90 days after a positive PCR result.

Uniform

Students are expected to wear full school uniform at all times, including the days they have PE. They will bring their PE kit on the appropriate day(s) and change at school. Our expectations of uniform will be very high in September as we move away from temporary measures due to Covid. Please ensure you are familiar with the [uniform list](#) and use the summer break to ensure that your child is able to return to school in the correct uniform. This includes guidance in regards to facial piercing, jewellery and hair styles.

Equipment

Could you please ensure that your child returns to school in September with the compulsory basic equipment. This will support their learning and enable students to meet the Lord Grey Way. You can find a full equipment list with our [uniform list](#).

We look forward to a bright and fresh start in September for all and I truly believe that we can start to show how Lord Grey Can. We are very excited to have the students back into school and want to wish you all a safe, relaxing and fun-filled summer.

Yours sincerely

Samantha Satyanadhan
Associate Principal