



16th July 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

It is with regret that I am writing to inform you that we have made the decision to cancel our Summer school which was to be held between the 26th July and 30th July. There have been a number of factors that have influenced our decision but primarily we are concerned that the Covid infection rates have risen rapidly over the last week and are particularly high among young people. We therefore feel that the risk of bringing together 200 students from 14 different feeder schools is too great.

We are very disappointed that we can't offer our planned summer school but we have put together a different plan that we believe will provide an important transition process for the students as well as a fun experience that they will remember fondly as they start at Lord Grey. This will take place in September as part of our new term arrangements that are explained in this letter.

Monday 6th September

Before we can start our transition programme we are required to offer all students a rapid lateral flow Covid test in September before they start the new term. We will do this for year 7 students on Monday 6th September. You have already been informed of the form group that your child will be joining and the table below shows which time we would like you and your child to attend on Monday 6th September. At your allotted time please come to the main entrance where you will be shown to the testing centre. We will then train you and your child on how to take the test as you will be required to take ongoing lateral flow tests at home for all of September. Once we have visited the testing centre we will take a digital print of your child's fingerprint so that they can access the cashless catering outlets on site. We will also be giving your child a pack of resources that includes some activities to do before they come to school on Tuesday. You will also meet your child's form tutor so we can make introductions and let you know how to best communicate with the academy. We do realise that work commitments will mean that it is not possible for all parents to attend with their child. We are happy for your child to come on their own or be accompanied by another family member or family friend.

In order to take the lateral flow test we require you to provide consent and this can be done by completing this [form](#). We need the consent form to be completed by 1st September 2021 please.

Kate Harper	9.00	C07KXH
Camelia Pausan	9.45	C07CPA
Lisa Phipps	10.15	C07LPH
Lewis Kaye	11.00	E07LKA
Devon Koracevic	11.45	E07DCO
Claire Hendrick	12.15	L07CHE
Abigail Lamptey	1.00	L07ALA
Neil McConnell	1.45	L07NMC
Cameron Brooks	2.15	T07CBR
Leon Pennicooke	3.00	T07LPE

Tuesday 7th September

Tuesday is the first transition day and for the first time all of the new year 7 students will be in school together. They will be the only students on site and there will be lots of opportunities to meet new classmates, to explore the site and to begin to learn some of the new routines.



Students should arrive at Lord Grey for 8.40am. This is the normal school starting time. We will then gather the students in the Hall for an assembly 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. There will then be some time spent in their new tutor getting to know each other and their tutor. After tutor time students will then be involved in a series of activities that will run throughout the day which we had planned for summer school. These fun and engaging activities will help students to understand the *Lord Grey Can* vision and our character values of Determination, Ambition, Curiosity, Civility and Integrity. School will end as normal at 3pm.

Wednesday 8th September

Wednesday is the second transition day and the only other students on site will be year 11 and Sixth Form students. Year 7 students should arrive at 8.40am and find their way to their tutor group room where they will be registered and have an extended tutor time where they will explore further the Academy aims and values. After this there will be a full programme of activities based on what we had planned for Summer School.

Thursday 9th September onwards

Students should arrive at 8.40 am and go to their Tutor rooms as normal. Timetables will be issued and then students will follow their regular timetabled lessons.

We are really excited to be meeting your child in September and we are confident that our transition programme will help make the start of term go well and make up for the fact that we have not been able to operate our summer school. If you have queries, please do not hesitate to contact me further: samantha.satyanadhan@lordgrey.org.uk.

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