



14th July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope my letter finds you and your family well.

I would like to thank you all again for your sustained support in what has been a very challenging year for everyone. We are really looking forward to September and to a fresh start!

You may be aware that the Department for Education has issued updated Covid-19 guidance for schools. This guidance comes into effect from the 19th of July 2021.

As we move to 'Step 4' of the 'roadmap' the government has stated that '*... there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education. . .*'

At 'Step 4', it is no longer recommended that it is necessary to:

- Keep students in 'bubbles'.
- Wear face coverings either in classrooms or in communal areas.

However, in line with the government's guidance which we have followed throughout the pandemic, there will be a number of control measures that **will** remain in place for September:

- Ensuring good hand hygiene to make sure that students and staff clean their hands regularly with hand sanitiser.
- We will continue with the '*catch it, bin it, kill it*' approach to respiratory hygiene which continues to be very important.
- The school will also maintain appropriate cleaning regimes in line with the guidance.
- We will continue to focus on maintaining/improving fresh air flow to ensure that occupied spaces are well ventilated and at a comfortable temperature.

From 'Step 4', 19th July 2021 close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace and Weavers Academy will no longer undertake contact tracing.

As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. Contacts will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact.



From 16th August 2021, students under the age of 18 will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.

Instead, students will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so

We ask you to note that should anyone develop Covid-19 symptoms, they will be sent home and must follow public health advice. Students should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons that require them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on Covid-19.

Please continue to inform the school if your child/children test positive between Saturday 17th July 2021 and 19th July 2021 inclusive. Please contact the school at:

covid@weaversacademy.org.uk

In line with the new government guidance we are developing an outbreak management plan for September 2021 and will continue to work with Public Health England (PHE) and our local health protection team as we have done throughout the pandemic. We are ready to step measures up or down in line with government guidance in future, depending on local circumstances.

You will be able to view the school's reviewed Covid-19 Risk Assessment from 23rd July 2021. The link to the website will be sent to you via Edulink, parent text and will be posted on the school website.

Arrangements for the start of term

All students will be offered the opportunity of receiving 2 on-site lateral flow device tests, 3-5 days apart on their return to school in September.

The schedule for testing and the return to school is set out below.

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| Year 7 | Test Monday 6 th | Return to school Monday 6 th |
| Year 8 | Test Wednesday 8 th | Return to school Thursday 9 th |
| Year 9 | Test Tuesday 7 th | Return to school Wednesday 8 th |
| Year 10 | Test Wednesday 8 th | Return to school Thursday 9 th |
| Year 11 | Test Tuesday 7 th | Return to school Wednesday 8 th |
| Year 12/13 | Test Monday 6 th | Return to school Tuesday 7 th |

Parents/Carers will receive a text confirming the time of the test the day before the test date. If the test falls on a Monday, the time of the test will be sent to you



via parent text on the Friday before. This will also be communicated to you via Edulink.

Any updates following new government guidance during the holiday will be communicated to you via Edulink, parent text and the school website.

Please note that students in Year 7 will remain at school for the day on 6th September and will undertake a range of activities with their form tutors after their test.

The whole school will be back by Thursday 9th September 2021.

Students should then continue to test twice weekly at home until the end of September when this will be reviewed by the government.

Please use the following link to register your consent for the new nasal only tests by Friday 16th July 2021:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yu1GLt0A20uVy2z1Ys-7pK-XmqrZVEtMtt4v7HITJERURUJLTzNMOUtPRk1IUTVKU0lwVUZDV0ZXUC4u>

Catering arrangements for the start of term

Students who are entitled to a free school meal will receive a voucher for Monday 6th September – Wednesday 8th September inclusive.

Our canteen will resume the normal service from Thursday 9th September 2021 and until then, students not eligible for free school meals should arrange to bring a packed lunch with them.

Years 11 and 13: collecting results and academic support with next steps

GCSE and Level 3 qualification results will be available on Edulink from 9.00am on 12th August for GCSE and on 10th August for Level 3 qualifications.

Staff will also be available on site from 9.00am on both days and further guidance will be published by Edulink and on the school website nearer the time. Please ensure that if you are planning to come onto site, you have completed a lateral flow test prior to arriving. If you need a test you can collect one from reception up to 1.00pm on 16th July 2021.

Information about what students will be doing on that first day back

All students will have an extended tutorial time within their first lesson on the day that they return to school after their test (with the exception of Year 7).

Year 7 will remain on site after their test and will spend the rest of the day with their form tutor. This extended tutorial is part of their induction to the school.



Timetables will be distributed to students when they return to school for their lateral flow test.

Timings of the school day

Week beginning Monday 13th September all students will go straight to lesson 1 on arrival at school at 8.45am. This will be week B on the timetable.

- Students will register in lesson 1 each day (which is now 5 minutes longer than lessons 2-5 to facilitate morning registration). Students must be in school in time for lesson 1 by 8.45am each day.
- There will be no staggered arrangements for the first break of the day at 10.50am. All students will take break at the same time.
- Lunch will be at the same time as tutorial which means that half the school will be having lunch whilst the other half are in their tutorial session.
- Lunch and the tutorial session will each be 30 minutes long.
- During the staggered lunch, students will be allocated to identified zones.

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| | Lesson 1 | 08:45 | 09:50 |
| | lesson 2 | 09:50 | 10:50 |
| | Break | 10:50 | 11:10 |
| | Lesson 3 | 11:10 | 12:10 |
| | Lesson 4 | 12:10 | 13:10 |
| Tutor | Lunch | 13:10 | 13:40 |
| Lunch | Tutor | 13:40 | 14:10 |
| | Lesson 5 | 14:10 | 15:10 |

The following table shows when students in different year groups will be in tutorial or at lunch.

| 13:10 - 13:40 | | 13:40 - 14:10 | |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| Lunch 1 | Tutor 1 | Lunch 2 | Tutor 2 |
| 7 | 9 | 9 | 7 |
| 8 | 10 | 10 | 8 |
| 11 | 12 | 12 | 11 |
| | 13 | 13 | |

Changes to tutor Groups for September

At this time of year, pastoral managers and subject leaders will review the groups and make small adjustments for the start of the new academic year.



Some of these changes may be to give students a fresh start or because they have been set in subjects and fit particular criteria for a group.

We have made one significant change which is to move from 9 forms to 8 forms in the new Year 8 (old Year 7). This has meant that one form has been 'collapsed' and students in that group have been allocated to one of the other 8 forms. These changes take into account the learning needs of the students that are being reallocated into other forms.

We have also renamed some tutor groups to fit the academic and house structure. Students will however, still be with the same group of students as previously.

Year 10 – online learning over the summer holiday

We feel it is important for students moving into Year 11 to continue to undertake some learning over the summer holiday.

Retrieval practice activities, conducted in regular short bursts are important in helping students to retain and recall knowledge to support success in assessments.

With this in mind, subjects have included a series of learning activities on MS Teams that students are advised to have completed before they return to school in September.

These learning activities can be completed in short bursts of time, without pressure and can help to reinforce links with pre-taught subject content.

The links below will take you to digital resources such as Hegarty Maths, GCSEPod and Oak National Academy. These programmes can be accessed on mobile devices as well as the more traditional digital devices.

The links to the learning activities in MS Teams are set out below:

[Year 10 Band A](#)

[Year 10 Band B](#)

If students have forgotten their GCSEPod login they can email Mr Higgins at:

matthew.higgins@weaversacademy.org.uk

Chromebook scheme

We are excited to launch our Chromebook scheme to the new Year 7 and to our Year 10 and 11 students starting in September. Our vision is to support learning within the classroom and at home on a single device. Please sign up and see the website for details:

[Chromebooks – Weavers Academy](#)



Uniform requirements, hair styles, make-up and jewellery

To review the uniform policy in full please use the link below which will take you to the school website:

<https://www.weaversacademy.org.uk/home/weavers/uniform>

Items of school uniform can be ordered online at:

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/weavers>

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require any assistance with ordering uniform.

Hair, make-up and jewellery

Students should not attend school with nail extensions which can prevent them from participating effectively in the curriculum and also pose a risk to their own safety and that of others. Clear nail varnish is permitted (but not colours).

Students can wear 2 small studs, one in each ear and a watch should they wish to.

If students wish to have a piercing, this must be arranged at the beginning of the summer holiday so that the wound has sufficient time to heal before students return to school in September. The wearing of spacers is not permitted.

Students who do not adhere to the requirements about school uniform, hair styles, make-up or jewellery will be sent home to rectify the situation if this cannot be addressed at school. Students are expected to return to school promptly.

Uniform plays an important role in contributing to the ethos of the school and in helping to set an appropriate tone.

Behaviour for learning: revised behaviour management procedures for September 2021

Our positive behaviour management procedures support all students to work hard, respect others, to act independently and to engage in all aspects of their learning.

We are committed to providing excellent learning opportunities for all students that is supported by good conduct.

The school regularly celebrates and acknowledges the achievements of all students and we continue to be immensely proud of them!

Students whose behaviour, attitude to learning and work ethic is in line with the school's vision – *'striving for success, focusing on learning'* - will be recognised by the rewards and praise procedures.

Underpinning the school's vision is an ethos which instils *'learning with pride'*.



In September, we will be increasing opportunities to celebrate the actions, values and characteristics shown by our students to reinforce that ethos. We will provide you with more information about these exciting developments early in the Autumn term.

We have made some changes to the behaviour management procedures that are linked to the school's Behaviour for Learning Policy. These changes are summarised below:

- Informal warning - verbal reminder that will not be logged but is a reminder to students to take responsibility for their conduct.
- Formal warning – 20-minute detention after school on the following day. This sanction will be recorded and a text message sent to inform you. A log of this sanction can be viewed on EduLink.
- 'Reset' - Students are given an opportunity to 'reset' their behaviour away from the lesson. Students will complete reflection work to support them self-regulate to prevent recurrence in the future. The period of 'reset' will last the remainder of the lesson that the student has been removed from, the following lesson and a social time. This sanction will also be logged and shown on EduLink and a parent text message sent to you.

If you need more information about the reasons why a sanction has been set, please contact the relevant teacher at the school.

If you require any assistance with logging onto Edulink, please do not hesitate to contact us at: enquiries@weaversacademy.org.uk

'Creative Isolation' and beyond

The Ambition Team have created a series of challenges for the summer holiday to support mental health and wellbeing.

Please send us your entries via email for the chance to gain points for your house and to win prizes.

The challenges can be found at:

<https://www.weaversacademy.org.uk/summer-fun-house-challenges>

Please forward the photos of your entries and evidence of your completion of the challenges to:

wea-summerchallenge@weaversacademy.org.uk

Free School Meals

Northamptonshire County Council will provide vouchers to families of students entitled to Free School Meals this summer. Your personal code and details of how to access the vouchers will be posted to you at the earliest opportunity. Updates



and further information will be provided on the school website or by parent text via Edulink.

If you have any enquiries regarding Free School Meals please contact us by email at WeaFsmEnquiries@weaversacademy.org.uk or ring the school on 01933 222830.

If you do not get a response, then please contact the safeguarding team via the option available on the main school telephone line.

Safeguarding arrangements

A member of staff will be on duty throughout the summer to deal with any safeguarding concerns that may arise. If you have any concerns, please ring the school number and follow instructions on the recorded message, selecting the 'safeguarding' option.

You can contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead: Sheree Ryle on 07514 095565 or at:
Sheree.ryle@weaversacademy.org.uk

Calendar

The government has confirmed that people in the UK will receive an extra bank holiday in 2022 as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

This bank holiday will take place during the June half-term holiday but schools have been asked to identify an additional day at an alternative time to ensure school staff and students still receive this extra holiday.

Therefore, Weavers Academy will be closed to staff and students on Friday 26th November 2021. The school term dates on the website have been updated to reflect this and can be found at

<https://www.weaversacademy.org.uk/home/weavers/term-dates>

The last day of this term is Friday 16th July 2021 and students will be dismissed at 1.00pm.

Finally, I have included some messages from our Heads of Subject for you and the students. Staff are really excited about September. I hope that their comments



encourage you and your child/ren and help you all to look forward to September and the new academic year ahead!

Please take care during the holidays! I look forward to seeing you all soon. Please continue to be assured of my full support as we continue to work in partnership.

Yours sincerely

Vivien Swaida
Principal