

Friday 3rd September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new academic year and a huge thank you to all those families who have supported lateral flow testing this week. This has enabled us to identify a very small number of individuals who had no Covid symptoms at all but who have tested positive, and this in turn has protected others from being exposed to the virus and having to take time out of school. In-school testing will be carried out for all year groups next week in line with consent provided by parents.

We are retaining the majority of our Covid-safe measures this year with staggered start and end times, staggered break and lunch times, hand sanitising, desks cleaned with anti-viral wipes, one-way systems, enhance cleaning and quiet movement around school. Face masks are currently optional for pupils and staff.

Guidance relating to self-isolation has changed and I am pleased to say that we no longer need to ask pupils identified as contacts of a positive case to self-isolate. If your child is identified as a contact, you will be notified and advised to book a PCR test for your child but they will not be sent home unless they are displaying Covid symptoms.

Just a reminder that if your child begins to display any of the main symptoms of Covid-19 they **MUST NOT** attend school and should be booked in for a PCR test as soon as possible. If the test result is negative, they can return to school immediately. Please inform school of any positive test results (pupils only) via the button on our website.

New Year 7

It was an absolute delight to meet our new Year 7 cohort yesterday and to see how smart they look in their school uniform! They spent the morning with their form tutors and took part in some induction activities and then attended lessons in the afternoon – what a lovely group of youngsters and we are very proud to welcome them to Team Hyde.

Years 8 to 11

Today we welcome back Years 10 and 11 and **by Monday we will be fully open to all year groups**. We have reintroduced Registration with Form Tutors at the start of each day and so school will start at the following times:

Year 7	8:40am
Year 8	8:45am
Year 9	8:45am
Year 10	8:50am
Year 11	8:50am

Pupils are expected to be in form rooms by this time and so any pupils arriving at school later than the times shown above will be marked as late. **Punctuality is important** and pupils who are regularly late to school are likely to receive detentions for this.

School Uniform

We are aware of some supply issues with some elements of school uniform and would ask that parents let us know if they are waiting for particular items (a note in your child's planner is fine) and when they are due. In the meantime, clothing as close to uniform as possible would be appreciated.

A reminder that, in line with parental feedback, we are retaining the system of pupils coming to school in their PE kit on days when they have PE. We really appreciate parental support in ensuring that your child gets the days right with this. Please note, **hoodies are no longer allowed in school on non-PE days**.

Just to reiterate that jewellery is not allowed in school at all and must be removed. False eyelashes and acrylic nails should not be worn to school and skirts must be an appropriate length. Trainers are not allowed on non-PE days and shoes must be plain black. We are incredibly proud of the high standard of uniform at Hyde and really do appreciate your support with this; it puts all of our pupils on an equal footing and ensures that no child feels at a disadvantage.

Two years ago we informed parents that we were phasing blazers into our school uniform and they are now compulsory in ALL year groups. A reminder that we offer a support package for uniform to all families in receipt of free school meals, please contact school for further information.

Heads of Year

In case you need to contact your child's Head of Year, please find below a list of which staff member is assigned to which year group:

Head of **Key Stage 3** – Mr Broderick

Head of **Key Stage 4** – Mr Leadbeater

Head of Year 7 – Mrs Millington

Head of Year 10 – Mrs Addison

Head of Year 8 – Mrs Etches

Head of Year 11 – Mr Buckley

Head of Year 9 – Miss Brown

Next week

We have a busy few days coming up:

Monday 6th September: Lateral flow testing for Years 7 and 10





Tuesday 7th September: Lateral flow testing for Years 9 and 11, HPV vaccinations for Year 8

Wednesday 8th September: Lateral flow testing for Year 8, photographs for Years 7 and 10

Thursday 9th September: HPV vaccinations for Year 8 continued.

Extra-curricular activities

I am delighted to inform you that we can now begin to re-establish our extra-curricular offer. **Music clubs** resume from next Wednesday 8th September as follows:

HYDE MUSIC DEPARTMENT CLUBS			
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
2.45pm - 3.15pm	2.45pm - 3.15pm	2.45pm - 3.15pm	2.45pm - 3.45pm
MUSIC TECH CLUB	HYDE WIND BAND	HYDE VOICES	HYDE ROCK BANDS
			
Students can independently use computers to complete homework or finish work. Students can also record in the studio and release music on Hyde Records.	Woodwind & Brass players of all abilities & ages come together to perform popular songs.	Singers of all abilities & ages come together to sing modern pop songs.	Musicians of all abilities & ages come together to perform rock & pop songs.

And **PE activities** recommence on Monday 13th September:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 8 boys' football	Girls' netball fixtures	Girls' football – all years	Girls' football fixtures	Year 11 boys' football
Year 7 boys' football			Year 9 and 10 boys' football	
Girls' netball – all years				

School Car Park

Please note that there is no access to the school car park at the end of the day other than by prior arrangement for children with additional needs. The large majority of our pupils walk to and from school every day. If you are collecting your child by car at the end of school, please arrange a meeting point away from the school site and with consideration for our local residents.

ParentPay

Money for your child's lunch should be credited to ParentPay – if you haven't signed up yet or require further information, please email admin@hydehighschool.uk

Pupils must bring their dinner card every day if they are purchasing food or drink items or are entitled to free school meals – parental support in checking this and establishing good routines is very much appreciated.

Thank you for your patience with our phased return due to lateral flow testing – normal service will resumed on Monday. We are very much looking forward to a positive and productive school year; thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,



Andrea Radcliffe

Headteacher.