



August 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: New Term Arrangements

I am writing to you at this time to discuss our plans for September. We have had another tumultuous year which has been uncertain for so many. I hope that you and your loved ones are safe at this time and all our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. We hope that, with continued vaccine uptake, we may continue to plan for some normalcy.

We are working on guidance for returning to schools from the Department for Education and as such from 3rd September 2021, we will be open to all pupils. Protective measures will be in place to best protect our staff and pupils whilst on the school site, including a requirement that people who are ill stay at home, robust hand and respiratory hygiene, enhanced cleaning arrangements and an active engagement with NHS Test and Trace. The planned staggered start times are as follows.

Please note that these times are for the start of the academic year. You will receive times for Coronavirus testing in a separate communication.

Thursday 2nd September:

- Year 12 - 9.30 arriving to the main reception

Friday 3rd September:

- Year 7 - 8.25am - arriving to the main school playground at the rear of the building (Entering the building through the Prayer Room door)
- Year 11 - 9.15am - arriving to the main school playground at the rear of the building (Entering the building through the MFL Fire doors)
- Year 10 - 9.30am - arriving to the front of school (Entering the building through the Hill doors)
- Year 8 - 10.00am - arriving to the main school playground (Entering the building through the Dining Room doors)
- Year 9 - 10.15am - arriving to the performing arts playground (Entering the school through the Performing Arts doors)

We take the health and safety of our staff, pupils, parents and carers very seriously and, although there has been considerable relaxation we will continue with the following precautions as we move into the autumn/winter term:

- Mass testing for those who consent at the beginning of the new term
- Separate entrances and exits into school for the year groups
- Arranging classrooms with forward facing desks where this does not hinder teaching and learning
- Staff maintaining distance from pupils and other staff as much as possible
- An expectation of increased hand washing/sanitising
- Staggered breaks and lunches
- Some staff and pupils may wish to continue wearing face masks throughout this period.

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Prevention

If anyone in school becomes unwell with a new continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell, they will be sent home and advised to follow the latest guidance around PCR testing and isolating. **Parents should inform school immediately of the results of a coronavirus test.**

Measures for arriving at and leaving school

Parents dropping a child off should not congregate at the school gates and instead should 'drop and go'. Meetings with parents at the school site will be by appointment only.

Attendance

It is vital for all children to return to school to minimise as far as possible the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development. Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind.

School attendance is mandatory as per government guidance.

Cashless Catering

This September we will be a cashless school and as a result you will need to use our ParentPay system to pay for all school meals, trips and payments. This is a very safe and secure system that works very well. There is a link to this on the school website and in the school app.

Many of you are using this already but for those parents that are yet to sign up you will need an activation code to use ParentPay for the first time. This can be provided to you by the school finance office. You can contact them via the school telephone number or via e-mail to McCowenH@stjohnbosco.org.uk

Standards and Behaviour

The usual standards and behaviour expectations will apply. Although there will be more movement around the college, students should respect zoning where it remains. Students should arrive and leave school via their allocated entrance and exit. Students should remain in their zones at break and lunch time.

A reminder that children should not have dyed hair or any adornments in their hair. They should be in full school uniform and should have no jewellery other than a watch and a single set of earrings in the lobe of the ear if they wish. Children are not permitted to attend school with other facial piercings. **Until pupils' lockers are reinstated, mobile phones should remain turned off and secured in a bag or coat/blazer pocket. When pupils are able to use lockers again, their mobile phone should be placed in the locker at the beginning of the day retrieved at the end of the day. They should not be visible to staff at any time otherwise they will be confiscated in line with school rules.**

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Curriculum

A broad and balanced curriculum will be delivered to all year groups. There will be 'free-movement' around the school building to facilitate the teaching of subjects in their specialist areas. Staff will make clear to pupils the measures to control the flow of students around the school building.

Safeguarding

We have revised and updated our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy to ensure we can correctly support pupils who are attending school.

You or your child can report a safeguarding concern to the school's designated safeguarding lead, Mrs C Roberts, Deputy Headteacher, in confidence by contacting them on 0151 330 5142.

During this period, you should be aware of the mental health support available to your child. We have collated the following examples of where additional support can be found:

- Local mental health charities
- PHE's Every Mind Matters platform
- MindEd
- Rise Above
- Childline

Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring the safety of our pupils and staff. If you need to contact the school for any reason, please do not hesitate to do so.

Yours sincerely

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**Mr D Gidman
Headteacher**

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From Monday 6th September onwards all students school arrive to school at 8.25am via their assigned entrance.

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