



THE WHITSTABLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent and Carers

Re: Start of Term 1 Arrangements

I hope you have had a restful summer break. Further to the email sent in July, please find below detailed information about Term 1 arrangements.

Following some speculation in the national press regarding delayed starts to Secondary Schools I am writing to confirm that our start dates remain as below:

- Term start dates and school timings
 - **Wednesday 1 September 2021** - Years 7, 11 and 13, Year 12 enrolment
 - **Thursday 2 September 2021** - Years 8, 9 and 10 (note Year 9 will need to wear their PE Kit). Year 12 will have an induction afternoon.
 - **Friday 3 September 2021** - Year 12 start
 - Pupils should be in school by 8:35 for an 8:40 start, no pupil should be on site prior to 08:15.
 - Dismissal times of pupils are as follows:
Year 7 - 15:00
Year 8 - 15:00
Year 9 - 15:00
Year 10 - 15:00
Year 11 - 15:10
- Covid Lateral Flow Testing
 - Parents requiring on-site testing should complete [this form](#) by 3pm Friday 27th August. Pupils not registered for on-site testing should be tested at home twice weekly and their results [registered here](#).
- Health and safety arrangements
 - Designated entry points will continue to be used for each year group, pupils will be met by staff teams and directed to their entrance points but for your information please see below:
 - **Year 7** - On the first day they will be met by members of the staff team via the Totem Pole and Year 7 hub and directed into The Stage. From Thursday they will be shown their entrance which will be via the Library/Totem Pole.
 - **Year 8** - Conference room entrance
 - **Year 9** - Doors adjacent to the link entrance
 - **Year 10** - Creative Link entrance
 - **Year 11** - The Stage door
 - **Sixth Form** - Cove car park gate
 - To keep our pupils safe whilst queuing to enter the school at the various entrances cars are not permitted on site. Please arrange to drop your child somewhere safe whilst being respectful of our neighbours.
 - Those pupils who are driven to school in taxis or have mobility needs will still be able to use the disabled places outside the school. It is important that these spaces are kept clear for this purpose.



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- There will be hand sanitiser available at all entrance points, classrooms and around the school, pupils will be regularly encouraged to wash/clean their hands.
- Ventilated classrooms
- We recognise that many students and staff will wish to wear facemasks in school and we are fully supportive of this.
- Curriculum arrangements
 - The curriculum will remain broad and balanced. Pupils will be issued their timetables on their first day.
- Attendance
 - Attendance is expected as normal.
 - Pupils must not come to school if they are displaying symptoms of Covid-19, this should be reported to the school through the attendance line 01227 931345.
- Equipment
 - All pupils should have as a minimum: a black pen, a green pen, a pencil, ruler, scientific calculator, Choice Card Booklet, Courtesy Card and reading book (Y7/8/9). Choice Card Booklets and Courtesy Cards will be provided at the beginning of term.
- Uniform
 - Normal uniform standards are expected.
 - For PE day pupils should come to school in their PE Kit which will be worn all day, see below for each year group:
 - Year 7 - Tuesday
 - Year 8 - Wednesday
 - Year 9 - Thursday
 - Year 10 - Tuesday
 - Year 11 - Friday
- Restaurant arrangements.
 - Pupils should bring a reusable water bottle to school each day.
 - Pupils will be able to access the restaurant at lunchtimes.
 - Breakfast Club will be available for those pupils eligible for free school meals at each of the pupil entrance points.
 - Pupils are free to bring in their own lunch and snacks.
 - The cost of a full meal or a 'meal deal' is £2.50. This is the allocation for a Free School Meal.

I am looking forward to seeing all our pupils back and welcoming those joining The Whitstable School this year.

If you have any questions please contact the school via **twsw_admin@swale.at**.

Yours sincerely



Mrs AM Gibson
Headteacher