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13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

## Important Information regarding September Re-Opening

As you are probably aware, on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July the country is expected to move on to Step Four of the Government's roadmap and further restrictions will be lifted.

We will have started our summer break by this time. However, the changes when students arrive back in September will make school feel different than it does currently. Contained in this letter is the information you need to know about the changes and timings of the school day.

### Please note:

- The first day back for **ALL** students will be **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**.
- Children starting in **Reception** will have been **contacted separately** for their start date and time.
- Please can I ask that all parents and carers **read the last edition of the newsletter**, which is available on the website, as this contains **important information about uniform and acceptable footwear**.

### Bubbles and Face Coverings:

From September students will no longer be required to remain in year group or classroom bubbles and will be able to mix freely in the early years. Face coverings will also no longer be recommended and social distancing will no longer be necessary. Teachers and other staff will no longer have to wear face coverings in communal areas. Should students still want to wear face coverings, they can feel free to wear them if they wish.

This means that students will revert back to one start and finish time and break / lunches will be as they were previously. I have included the start and finish times at the end of this letter.

### Early Years (Nursery and Reception) & Primary:

There is no need to limit mixing between groups as has been the case in the early years phase. In the primary phase, students will not be in key stage, year group or class bubbles. As per the current guidance, primary school students don't have to regularly test for Covid-19 nor have the expectations changed in terms of face coverings.

### Secondary Phase:

In the secondary phase students won't have to stay in bubbles and teachers will now remain in their own rooms.

### Self-Isolation and Bubbles:

From 16<sup>th</sup> August, children under the age of 18 years old will **no longer be required to self-isolate** if they are contacted by NHS Test & Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test & Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

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### **Lateral Flow Testing (Secondary):**

Over the summer break all staff and secondary students should continue to test and report results online. You can test during the summer by ordering your free rapid Covid-19 tests online [nhs.uk/GetTested](https://nhs.uk/GetTested), or by picking them up at pharmacies.

Asymptomatic testing will resume in the secondary phase, including two tests in person on return, and continue until the end of September with a review at that point. This means apart from tests taken in person on the return to school, students will be expected to carry on testing themselves twice a week using LFD tests obtained online, through their school/college or via their local pharmacy.

### **What things will be staying the same?**

Hygiene measures such as washing or sanitising hands, cleaning and keeping classrooms well ventilated will remain, as will local contingency measures if there are significant outbreaks. These may require greater levels of isolation and community testing.

### **What if my child is clinically extremely vulnerable?**

Students who are clinically extremely vulnerable should attend school including out-of-school settings. If you or your child are anxious about attendance, you should speak to either their class teacher or form tutor and discuss whether any accommodations can be made to ensure that your child can regularly attend school.

### **Visitors and Parents/Carers:**

Visitors and parents/carers are free to wear a face covering in communal areas should they wish. It may be the case that, in the event of a significant outbreak, face coverings in schools will again be recommended.

### **Useful Link:**

What parents and carers need to know. The below link is useful as it provides additional information about the step four.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

### **The School Day:**

The timings of the day will revert back to the times we had pre-COVID-19.

### **Primary Phase:**

Primary parents should continue to bring students to the front gates on Latham Avenue as the drop off and pick up arrangements will continue as they are currently. The primary students will have their lunch at the same time as they do now. Period 3 for the EYFS stage and KS1 is split as lunch will run from 11.35am – 12.20pm. KS2 lunch will begin at 12.05pm and end at 12.50pm.

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### Primary Phase:

<b>Start of the Day is 8.40am</b>	
Registration	8.40am – 8.50am
Period 1	8.50am - 9.50am
<b>Break</b>	<b>9.50am - 10.05am</b>
Period 2	10.05am - 11.05am
Period 3	11.05am - 12.50pm
<b>Lunch</b>	11.35am - 12.50pm
Period 4	12.50pm - 1.50pm
Period 5	1.50pm - 2.50pm
<b>Finish of the Day is 2.50pm</b>	

### Secondary Phase:

The timings of the day will revert back to the times we had pre-covid-19. Secondary students will now have one break and one lunchtime and all start and finish at the same time.

<b>Start of the Day is 8.30am</b>	
Registration	8.30am - 8.50am
Period 1	8.50am - 9.50am
Period 2	9.50am - 10.50am
<b>Break</b>	10.50am - 11.05am
Period 3	11.05am - 12.05pm
Period 4	12.05pm - 1.05pm
<b>Lunch</b>	1.05pm - 1.35pm
Period 5	1.35pm - 2.35pm
<b>Finish of the Day is 2.35pm</b>	

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**Lateral Flow Testing in September:**

All secondary students require a Lateral Flow Test before they return to school in September. Therefore, we will write to secondary parents and carers separately about the dates and times of these tests. However, in order to avoid significant disruption to the start of the year we will commence testing on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, which are school INSET days and a further test will be conducted during the first week back.

We will continue to update you as we get closer to re-opening in September, please keep checking the school website and follow us on our social media accounts.

Instagram: @thegrangeacademy

Twitter: @Grange\_School

Facebook: @grangeacademy

Please enjoy the summer and stay safe.

Your faithfully



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