



THE KING'S ACADEMY

Emmanuel Schools Foundation

Thursday 15 July 2021

Dear Parents

End of Term & September Arrangements

We write at the end of a very challenging year to share key information for parents, and important items of news.

Key dates

Friday 16 July	1:10pm	End of Summer term
Monday 6 Sept	8:20am	Years 7 & 12 – Autumn term begins
Tuesday 7 Sept	8:20am	All other years (8, 9, 10, 11, 13) – Autumn term begins

Pre-return self-testing (at home, Sunday 5 or Monday 6 Sept; 'declaration')

Instead of staggering students' return to term across the first week, we ask all parents to help children take a lateral flow test at home on the day before they return. Students should attend school only if they are without symptoms and have a negative result, bringing the enclosed declaration, or a parent's note. Self-test kits will be available for collection from school between 1-3pm on Thursday 2 and Friday 3 Sept, and should also be freely available from local pharmacies, or [here](#).

On-site lateral flow test (x2) arrangements – September return

All secondary schools have been asked by the DfE to carry out two on-site asymptomatic tests of students, on returning to school after the summer break. This will be similar to the process we used in March ([photo](#)).

School arrangements from start of Autumn Term

'Step 4' guidance means we can resume a much more normal schooling experience for students (unless, in the event of a local outbreak, we need to put in place contingency measures). We continue with precautions:

- Good ventilation, additional cleaning and hygiene measures including hand sanitisation;
- Entrance doors dedicated for Year groups and continuing reminders, updates and vigilance.

Changes include:

- NHS takes responsibility for close-contact tracing, and instructions on self-isolation;
- Bubbles cease; students move around the school to specialist subject rooms;
- Visits and a full programme of extra-curricular activities will resume;
- Lateral flow tests taken twice weekly by students at home during September.

Farewells

We bid very fond farewells to colleagues leaving at the end of this summer term: Mrs Baker (Science/Year Head); Miss Chrystal (Science); Mrs Edwards (SEND); Mr Edwards-Bell (English); Mr Grafton (Computing); Mr Ross (Engineering); Mr Tattersall (RE); Mr Verrill (Engineering). A particular thanks to those who have served the school for 5+ years – Mrs Baker, Miss Chrystal and Mr Verrill (retiring) – and to Mr Ross who retires, having taught at King's since 2003 opening.

For many in our community, and not least parents, staff and students, this year with its rapid-fire changes and the regular pivoting of arrangements has led to feelings of exhaustion. Our prayers for all are that some good, very much-needed and well-deserved, rest would now be enjoyed. *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."* (Matthew, chapter 11, verses 28-30).

Yours sincerely

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