

Dear Parent/Carer,

At the end of a tumultuous school year, it is worth reflecting on how incredible our students are. Through all the disruption from lockdowns and isolations due to positive cases, they have shown incredible adaptability and resilience. Swapping from in person to online learning from one day to the next; coping with the isolation of lockdown and then returning to a busy school environment. They have been cheerful, respectful and determined to make the most of their education. I could not be prouder of them.

Thanks also go to you. You had to cope with your children being educated at home for 10 days or even three months (with little notice), whilst also managing home life and jobs. Thank you for your support of JCA throughout the last year.

Whilst the pandemic continues, we hope that the new school year will be more normal than this one. I have detailed below the practical arrangements for September.

It is usual to say goodbye to a number of staff at the end of each year as they move on to new jobs. This year, we are saying goodbye to Mr Ballard, Vice Principal, who is moving to Digitech Studio School. He has had such a positive impact on the school and will be missed. We wish him all the best. I am however delighted to say that Mrs Read, currently Assistant Principal, will become our new Vice Principal from September and we have Ms Massey joining us as Assistant Principal from Broadoak Academy in Weston-Super-Mare.

I wish you a wonderful summer holiday,

Kate Willis  
Principal

### **Practicalities for September relating to Covid**

The government have reviewed the measures necessary to mitigate the risk of Covid. From September we no longer have to keep year group bubbles separate. However, some measures may need to be introduced if there is an outbreak during the course of next year.

Regular handwashing and hand sanitising, frequent cleaning and good ventilation will remain in place.

The full guidance from the DfE is here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1002322/Schools\\_guidance\\_Step\\_4\\_update\\_for\\_14\\_July.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1002322/Schools_guidance_Step_4_update_for_14_July.pdf)

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**Lateral flow testing upon return in September**

The DfE have asked schools to ensure students undertake two lateral flow tests on site in September prior to school starting.

We need consent to test from parents in our new year 7. Please complete this form here: [Link to form](#)

If you have previously refused consent or not given consent to your child being tested, you can also use the link above to do this.

**Test 1** – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Everyone will attend a timeslot based on alphabetical order

**Test 2** – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Students will attend in their tutor groups – which is at the top of their lesson.

Year	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September
7	1 <sup>st</sup> test	2 <sup>nd</sup> test and in lessons until 3pm	In school 8:40am – 3pm	Everyone in school from 8:40am to 3pm.
8		At home	2 <sup>nd</sup> test and 1hr tutor induction	
9		At home	2 <sup>nd</sup> test and 1hr tutor induction	
10		At home	2 <sup>nd</sup> test and 1hr tutor induction	
11		2 <sup>nd</sup> test and 1hr tutor induction	At home	

Full details are at the end of this letter. You will receive personal emails and texts of your testing slots nearer the time.

**Lateral Flow Testing over the Summer and in September**

Twice weekly lateral flow testing at home is not necessary over the summer, although you can continue to do so if you wish. However upon our return in September the DfE are asking all students to resume twice weekly lateral flow testing.

**Contact Tracing**

From September, close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace and JCA will no longer be expected to send year group bubbles home and trace close contacts.

As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to

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be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. **This will prevent large numbers of children and staff having to self-isolate if they are a close contact of a positive test. These changes will reduce ongoing remote learning and should reduce the disruption to learning we have experienced this year.**

From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

**Please also report any positive PCR test results to [positive.result@clf.uk](mailto:positive.result@clf.uk) so that we can support Public Health England with case monitoring during the summer. Should the Government issue any more new guidance over the summer period, we will of course review our plans and inform you of any changes in good time.**

### **Uniform**

Uniform will remain the same. The compulsory items are:

- White Shirt
- Tie
- Black trousers
- Black leather shoes

Students will not be permitted to wear coats, hoodies or hats in the building so we recommend them having a blazer or school jumper or both.

Trutex have all the uniform in stock, so there should be no delays to orders.

### **PE Uniform**

Students and staff have found wearing PE kit to school on PE days to be overwhelmingly successful. So, we are going to continue this next year. However, this may change in November as the cold, wet weather sets in, we do not want students to have to spend the day in wet muddy clothes all day.

The compulsory items of PE uniform are:

- Polo shirt
- Hoody
- Navy shorts/joggers

Please see the website for full details: <https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/uniform/>

### **Face Masks**

Will not be required in school. But are still recommended on public transport. However, anyone who wishes to wear a face mask can continue to do so.

### **One-way system & Toilets**

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The one-way system we have had in place this year will not be necessary next year. But our corridors remain narrow, so we will revert to our old one-way system in the wing corridors and terrace. Students will have an opportunity to walk this on their induction day with their tutor.

There is no longer a need for year groups to have their own toilets, so the toilets on the street and in the canteen will now be used by all year groups.

### Timings of the Day

There is no longer a need for staggered entrances and exits. So, the school day for all students will be 8:40am – 3pm. All students will enter at the side of the building, via the canteen. However, we are going to keep the staggered breaks and lunches as students have really appreciated the space to eat and play sports.

	7	8	9	10	11
<b>Arrival Window</b>	8:20 - 8:35	8:20 - 8:35	8:20 - 8:35	8:20 - 8:35	8:20 - 8:35
<b>Social Time Location</b>	A-B Wing	Canteen/Foyer/Hard	Canteen/Everywhere	Canteen/Foyer/Hard	A-B Wing
<b>Period 1</b>	8:40 - 9:30	8:40 - 9:30	8:40 - 9:30	8:40 - 9:30	8:40 - 9:30
<b>Period 2</b>	9:30 - 10:40	9:30 - 10:40	9:30 - 10:40	9:30 - 10:40	9:30 - 10:40
<b>Break</b>	9:30 - 9:50	10:20 - 10:40	9:55 - 10:15	9:30 - 9:50	10:20 - 10:40
<b>Period 3</b>	10:40 - 11:30	10:40 - 11:30	10:40 - 11:30	10:40 - 11:30	10:40 - 11:30
<b>Period 4</b>	11:30 - 12:10	11:30 - 12:10	11:30 - 12:10	11:30 - 12:10	11:30 - 12:10
<b>Period 5</b>	12:10 - 13:40	12:10 - 13:40	12:10 - 13:40	12:10 - 13:40	12:10 - 13:40
<b>Lunch</b>	12:10 - 12:40	13:10 - 13:40	12:40 - 13:10	12:10 - 12:40	13:10 - 13:40
<b>Period 6</b>	13:40 - 14:40	13:40 - 14:40	13:40 - 14:40	13:40 - 14:40	13:40 - 14:40
<b>Tutor</b>	14:40 - 15:00	14:40 - 15:00	14:40 - 15:00	14:40 - 15:00	14:40 - 15:00
<b>Leave</b>	15:00	15:00	15:00	15:00	15:00

### What will my child be learning in September?

Information about what subjects and topics your child will be studying next year, are available on our website. The 'curriculum' tab should have everything you need; if not, get in touch with your child's tutor in the first instance. This information will be updated over the course of term 1.

### What about homework?

We are making homework simpler next year: your child will receive one piece of homework per week per subject. They will always have one week to complete the task, and each task should take on average 30-40 minutes. Some will require access to the internet. Computers are available in school in the library for students to use at lunchtime, and we have a small number of laptops and desktops we may be able to give to families for free. Get in touch with your child's year team if this is something you need.

### End of day restore conversations

From September, all students that are referred to the Separated Learning Room will be required to attend a restore conversation at the end of that day. We've missed being able to do these conversations this year as they allow the student and the member of staff to review the incident, and to agree how they will work together to avoid a repeat of the

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behaviour in the future. The restore conversations will take place from 3.00 - 3.15 within Year group settings. They will also receive a phone call from the teacher at the end of the day to explain the incident and the outcome of the restore conversation.

### Detailed plan for Lateral Flow Testing

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Time	Tutor Groups	Leave Site
8:30	7SAC, 7MCA	15:00
8:50	7SBr, 7CDu	15:00
9:10	7Tow, 7CFu	15:00
12:30	11DOW, 11ARo	14:15
12:50	11CPR, 11HBr	14:35
13:10	11CRr, 11AMW	14:55

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Time	Tutor Groups	Leave Site
8:15	10EGr, 10Mho	10:00
8:35	10GSi, 10RGr	10:20
9:05	10SMM, 10ESa	10:50
9:55	8JG, 8JTh	11:40
10:15	8CSh, 8LBa	12:00
10:35	8LCa, 8JuW	12:20
12:35	9Swi, 9Vma	14:20
12:55	9Dco, 9Mwa	14:40
13:15	9JNa, 9LRi	15:00

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