

Start of the autumn term 2021

The information we have published on our Trust websites states the first day of term for pupils and students is Thursday September 2nd. All staff have a training day on Wednesday September 1st.

Parents and carers were sent a letter from the Trust in the last week of term advising them of new government guidance which states that all pupils and students should have two on-site Lateral Flow Device Tests at the start of the Autumn Term to confirm they do not have the Covid 19 virus.

Our provisional plan is that every pupil and student from Year 9 to Year 13 will come into the school or college on Thursday 2nd September to take the first of these tests and to complete essential administration, including collecting their individual timetables. **Therefore, Thursday September 2nd remains the first day when all learners will be expected to attend school/college.**

Scenario 1

If the guidance does not change over the summer, it is likely that once everyone has completed their LFD test, collected their timetable and completed other administration they will be able to leave the college/school site for the remainder of the day.

Scenario 2

If the guidance does change over the summer, then we would expect all Year 9 and all Year 12 learners in for a full day on Thursday September 2nd.

Given the current increase in confirmed daily cases... we do not expect the guidance to change; however, we know from experience things can change at short notice.

We will send a final letter home by email on Monday 16 August confirming our full arrangements for the start of the new academic year, including the first day in school/college for pupils and students in Years 10, 11 and 13.

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