

Dear Families,

As the end of a very challenging year for us all approaches, I want to clarify our plans for the end of term.

The last day of school for this year is Friday 16th July. We will be finishing at lunchtime with each year group.

This means students will finish school at the following times:

Year 7 11.30am  
Year 8 12 noon  
Year 9 12.30pm  
Year 10 1pm (30 minutes before their usual lunchtime)

The school bus leaving times will be adjusted accordingly to these times.

Students should come to school in school uniform as usual and lessons will run as normal. If your child has PE as one of their lessons they should come in PE kit as they usually would.

Due to staffing constraints we will not be doing lateral flow tests in school during the last week of term, week commencing 12th July. We do encourage you to continue to do these at home where possible and to continue this through the summer holidays. If you need further test kits you can order these online for free at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

We are planning for life to be much more normal in September and are setting up school expecting students to be able to mix normally, have a break and lunch outside classrooms etc. However, it is still too early for me to confirm if this will be the case or indeed exactly how students will return to school.

As it stands, we are being asked to prepare to test all consenting students before they return to the classroom in September. In anticipation of this, please can we ask parents of new Year 7 students to complete our online consent form if you wish for your child to take part in on site lateral flow testing <https://www.shuttleworthcollege.org/covid-19-lateral-flow-testing/>

Provisionally we are planning the following:

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Year 7 are tested and return home Year 8 to 11 lessons are remote via Teams
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Year 7 attend on site Years 8 & 9 are tested and return home Year 8 to 11 lessons are remote

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Years 7, 8 & 9 attend on site Years 10 & 11 get tested and return home Year 10 and 11 lessons are remote
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	On site lessons for all students. On site testing may continue twice weekly (to be confirmed).

I cannot stress strongly enough how likely it is that this plan may change in light of ever changing guidance. Year 6 families please note this start is already different from the letter a few weeks ago!

The clearest thing I can say is whatever the arrangements are I will ensure that Year 7 have a day when they are the only students on site. This will give them the chance to have an orientation day without the distraction of older children.

I know you all understand that all of this is running beyond our control but I thank you yet again for your unwavering support and cooperation at such a difficult time.

We will write out to you all again just before we break up with any further updates on plans for September. We will also include a families booklet which will tell you what to expect in September if Covid restrictions are removed and will remind you of where to get uniform, how lunches operate etc.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. England". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Ruth England  
Headteacher