

July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

What an unpredictable 18 months for everyone in our community, across England and across the world. We here at Montsaye Academy are very proud of how we have responded with vigour to every challenge that we have faced. My pupils have shown so much dexterity and resilience and we have kept the ERA values at the very heart of all of our actions. Staff have also demonstrated amazing flexibility and adaptability in a rapidly changing environment.

We are so looking forward to September where we can get back to some normality out of PODS and back into some normal routines and expectations. Year groups will remain based in department areas for tutor time but lessons in normal classrooms will resume in September and pupils will be moving around to their lessons as we were doing previously. Timings of the day will revert to 8.40 until 3pm.

We will be expecting all pupils to be in full academy uniform from September and normal PE changing will resume. So pupils will need to bring their PE kit in with them to change into and change back into academy uniform. So please ensure that the correct school and PE uniform is purchased over the summer. We would also like to remind parents that phones are not to be used during the school day by pupils. Further details on the uniform are below and equipment expectations are below:

Details here: [Uniform - Montsaye](#)

In September 2021 we will be continuing with the following safety measures:

- Ensuring good hygiene for everyone- we will have hand sanitiser available across the school
- We will maintain appropriate cleaning regimes
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of Covid 19
- We will be operating a one way system across the school to manage corridors to ensure the smooth flow of pupils around the site
- We will be operating a third area for pupils to eat lunch to ensure that dining areas are not crowded
- We will continue restricted access to our site during busy times- drop off and pick up will be the same as this year

Progress leaders will be writing to you in August to give you some specific details for each year group.

As you will be aware following the government announcement on the 6th of July we will be conducting lateral flow testing of pupils when they return after the summer holidays. This will be as below and pupils should arrive at the allocated time for the start of the year and for their lateral flow testing. We will presume if you have given consent before that this still applies and the same for those parents who did not consent for testing.

It is imperative that you let us know ASAP if this has changed via this form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=s6yrlFDW3EmpghIHs25jGThgxGkHJfRPkKDPeU8BAtrUQ1E1N1BVNIRRWTgwQjRQRUtSRk8wVVNFRS4u>.

We will publish bus information and more specific timings in August but the timings for pupils returning in September are below:

Years 7, 8, 12 and 13

Date	
Thu 2 nd Sept	<p>Year 7 and 8 start school at 8.40am in school all day – testing to take place during school day. Finish at 3pm.</p> <p>Year 12 arrive to school testing area at 12pm and can complete sixth form sign-up following completion of test</p> <p>Year 13 in school for testing only 12 – 2.30pm – pupils can return home once test has been completed</p>
Fri 3 rd Sept	<p>Year 7 and 8 in school for lessons 8.40am – 3pm</p> <p>Year 12 in school for induction and lessons 8.40am – 3pm</p> <p>Year 13 in school for assembly and lessons 10am – 3pm</p>
Mon 6 th Sept onwards	<p>All year groups in school full time 8.40am – 3pm</p> <p>(2nd round of testing will be completed during this week in the school day).</p>

Years 9, 10 and 11

Date	
Fri 3 rd Sept	<p>Years 9, 10 and 11 in school for testing at allocated times (more details to follow).</p> <p>Pupils will only be in school for their tests and will be expected to go home following testing.</p>
Mon 6 th Sept onwards	<p>All year groups in school full time 8.40am – 3pm</p> <p>(2nd round of testing will be completed during this week in the school day).</p>

We also have a considerable amount of work going on during the summer break. We have four science labs currently being updated, the car park will be rejuvenated over the summer and work will be started on the installation of a secure gate on entrance to the site which will hopefully be in place by the end of October half term. We are also starting work on some covered outside areas so pupils have nicer spaces to go to at break and lunch times. All these changes and a general tidy up around site will ensure that pupils will be returning to improved facilities.

I wish everyone a happy summer break filled with lots of the things that we have missed and craved over the last 18 months.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Gabbi
Principal