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**The Telford
Park School**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our receipt of updated government guidance for schools for September 2021 we can now share our detailed plans for all pupils, including our new Year 7, for the new school year.

September 2021 marks a new phase in the government's response to the pandemic. It is now imperative to reduce the disruption to children's and young people's education.

Our ongoing aim is to deliver high quality face to face education to all pupils. Being at school is vital for children's education and their wellbeing. The risk to children themselves of becoming severely ill from COVID-19 is very low. There are negative physical and mental health impacts of being out of school. For example, lower academic achievement could translate to a lower standard of living later in life.

We will implement the following government guidance in detail:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/999689/Schools_guidance_Step_4_update_FINAL.pdf

The biggest changes to the guidance from September 2021 are:

- Removal of year group bubbles.
- Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff or visitors in classrooms or communal areas or on public transport.
- Face to face assemblies can resume.

Our risk assessment and guidance booklet have been approved by our trust and these documents can be found on our website. The guidance booklet has the following headings:

1. Control measures

This section outlines the control measures that will be in place across the school to prevent and respond to infection including the details for our testing programme at the start of term.

2. School operations

Our actions and guidance regarding the school day, attendance, and other day to day activities.

3. Remote education

Outlines our remote learning offer for pupils who are required to isolate.

4. Contingency planning

A brief outline of our plan should there be a local outbreak.



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Further to this please note the following key information regarding the start of the new school year:

Asymptomatic testing

You will have received a separate letter regarding asymptomatic testing consent however I would like to remind you of the following important information.

Where consent has been received for testing pupils are invited to attend for an onsite test prior to their return. When arriving for their first test pupils should enter via the main school entrance.

The dates for testing/returning to school after the summer break are:

Year Group	Testing date	Return to school date
7	Friday 3 rd September	Monday 6 th September
8	Tuesday 7 th September	Wednesday 8 th September
9	Tuesday 7 th September	Wednesday 8 th September
10	Monday 6 th September	Tuesday 7 th September
11	Monday 6 th September	Tuesday 7 th September

The appointment times for testing are based on the pupil's last name. The times are carefully laid out within the attached booklet.

I would recommend that you take the time as a family to sit and read the attached information booklet to ensure your child has the best possible start to the next academic year.

A reminder that all pupils are expected to wear full school uniform as per the [school's uniform policy](#).

Finally, a continued thank you for your ongoing support. This academic year has been challenging and unprecedented however the support of our school community has ensured it has been a successful one.

Wishing you a lovely summer break.

Kind regards,



Mrs H Rigby
Headteacher