



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to give you information about some operational arrangements for September. We are conscious that all of these are subject to change should the Government impose restrictions or new guidance on schools. In this case, I will write to you again. In planning for September, we expect to return to many of the things we have missed over the past year, but will also be keeping some aspects which have led to significant improvements. We are also mindful to plan so that we can quickly adapt back to any restrictions that may occur.

School Day and Arrival Windows

Students will continue to arrive at a designated entrance for each year group within a short arrival window. This has led to vastly improved punctuality and ensured that students are properly supervised when they arrive and lessons start highly effectively.

As well as slightly different timings for Years 7-9 and Year 10-11, breaks and lunchtimes will be staggered for different year groups. All students will only be able to use their card (pre-loaded online) to purchase food at breaks and lunchtimes.

Please ensure your child arrives within this arrival time window (not before or after) and if you drive your child to school, please be respectful of local residents and ideally drop off and collect from one of the local shop car parks away from the school entrances.

Year group	Entrance	Arrival time	Lessons start	Lessons finish
7	Main Entrance	8:30-8:40	8:45	14:55
8	Pennine Avenue Entrance	8:30-8:40	8:45	14:55
9	Entrance by MUGA	8:30-8:40	8:45	14:55
10	Entrance by MUGA	8:45-8:55	9:00	15:15
11	Main Entrance	8:45-8:55	9:00	15:15

Breakfast Club

There will be a breakfast club from September and students attending this will need to arrive at 8am to the Main Entrance where they will be met by staff - further details to follow.

Lunch and Breaktime

We are pleased that hot and cold food will be available again at breaks and lunchtimes for all students. In order to purchase items from one of the serveries, students will need funds on their account. You will need to add this to their account in advance online using a debit or credit card. If you have any difficulties or require assistance with this process, please contact the Finance Office from 1st September.

Year Groups and Tutors

In the main, year groups will have their own areas and staff working with them pastorally. They will have a tutor who also teaches them for some of their curriculum lessons. They will have their tutor for at least one tutor session a week and other aspects of 'tutor time' will be led by some of their other teaching staff and taught within Religion and Society lessons where much of our PSHE curriculum is delivered. Each year group will have a weekly assembly delivered online to their classrooms and one full year group assembly every three weeks during Religion and Society lessons with their Head of Year.

Lateral Flow Testing in September

The Government has required schools to carry out two lateral flow tests in school for students on their return in September. So that this does not interfere with learning and the planned curriculum any more than necessary, we will be carrying out the first of these tests during our training days between 1st and the 3rd September. We recognise that a small number may not be able to attend on these dates, but we would hope to test as many students as possible before their official return date. We will be re-issuing the permission form and will contact you later to confirm the specific time that your child should arrive for their first test. We will carry out a second test in week beginning 6th September during the school day.

After these first two tests in September, students will be provided with test kits to take 2 tests a week at home. The government will be reviewing this at the end of September.

Our current plans for testing in September are as follows. You will receive details of the specific time for your child before September.

Year Group	First Test	Second Test
7	Wednesday 1 st September 11.45am-1.30pm	Monday 6 th September Period 3 and Period 4
8	Wednesday 1 st September 9.30am-11am	Monday 6 th September Period 1 and Period 2
9	Thursday 2 nd September 9.30am-11am	Tuesday 7 th September Period 1 and Period 2
10	Thursday 2 nd September 11am-1pm	Tuesday 7 th September Period 3 and Period 4
11	Friday 3 rd September 9.30am – 11am	Wednesday 8 th September Period 1 and Period 2

Self Isolation and Confirmatory PCR Tests

From 16th August 2021, children under the age of 18 years no longer need to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace. Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and advised to undertake a PCR test.

Schools will no longer be required to trace close contacts and this role will be moving to the NHS Test and Trace.

If your child has symptoms of Covid19 or tests positive for Covid19 they should remain at home and self-isolate. If a Lateral Flow Test is positive, a confirmatory PCR test should be requested and taken. If this PCR test is negative, the student can stop self-isolating and return to school. However, if it is positive, the self-isolation period must continue.

Support and Sanctions

We will continue to operate a Reflection Room for each year group. This room is for a variety of purposes to support students and also for use as part of our Behaviour Ladder. If your child is removed to the Reflection Room for poor or disruptive behaviour you will be informed and they will have a detention after school as is currently the case. If detentions are necessary, they will normally be issued for the same day and you will be notified by text message.

Uniform and Ties

Students will continue to wear the coloured tie for their year group. This colour will stay with them throughout the school and our new Year 7 students will be having a new burnt orange tie. All other aspects of uniform remain the same and we ask that you support us with ensuring your child has full appropriate uniform for school. We are always available to help any families facing difficulties with this so please contact the Pastoral Support Manager for your year group.

Trips, Visits, Clubs and Activities

We are excited that our very limited offer of trips, visits and clubs over the past year will be vastly extended from September and will follow the 'Lealands Journey' published on our website. Please look out for all the exciting opportunities for your child from September and encourage them to participate.

Toilets

Next year students will be able to use the toilet in break and lunch, not during lesson time as bubbles are no longer required. If students are eligible for a medical toilet pass, these will be issued in September.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via admin@lealands.Luton.sch.uk. Please be aware that over the Summer period, there may be a delay in response, but you will receive a reply before the start of term. For any urgent issues please email myself at head@lealands.Luton.sch.uk. We will also be available to answer telephone calls from 1st September.

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience. We wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable Summer.

Yours sincerely,



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