

# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Peaks Hill Purley Surrey CR8 3YP

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we conclude this year I would like to thank you for all that you do to support your child. There remain challenges ahead but we will meet them head on, knowing that it is together that we continue to grow and develop as a school and as a community.

## Lateral Flow testing schedule

You may be aware of the government announcement regarding the restarting of Covid-19 asymptomatic onsite testing for students at the start of the new academic year. The test is voluntary but requires parental consent for all students under 16 years. Any student who is 16 years or older can self-consent. Please note that students will be coming in for their test only. The only students who will be remaining in school will be Yr 7 & Yr 12 and that will be after their second test, not after their first.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September - Year 7, Test 1

Arrival Time	Forms
12.40pm	7K, 7C, 7M, 7T
1.10pm	7B, 7F, 7N

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Year 11, 12 and 13, Test 1

Arrival Time	Year Group
8.30am	Year 13
9.30am	Year 12
10.30am	Year 11

Friday 3rd September - Years 8, 9 and 10, Test 1

Arrival Time	Year Group
8.30am	Year 8
9.30am	Year 9
10.30am	Year 10

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September - Years 7, 12 and 13, Test 2

Arrival Time	Year Group
8.30am	Year 7
9.30am	Year 12
10.30am	Year 13

# Tuesday 7th September - Years 8, 9, 10 and 11, Test 2

Option A	
Arrival Time	Year Group
8.30am	Year 11
9.30am	Year 10
10.30am	Year 9
11.30am	Year 8

#### *Timetabled lessons will start for all students on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.*

#### Information Evenings at the start of the next academic year – save the date!

The dates of the Information Evenings have been set for the start of the new academic year. Whether these will take place virtually or in person will be confirmed after the break and along with the times.

The dates are as follows:

Monday 6th September – Year 12

Monday 13th September – Year 13

Tuesday 14th September – Year 8

Wednesday 15th September – Year 11

Thursday 16th September – Year 9

Wednesday 22nd September – Year 10

Year 7 will be receiving their information at the virtual Welcome Morning on Saturday 4th September

## Mufti Day

£1643.50 was raised from the Mufti Day so thank you very much. An additional £80 was also generously given for the Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospital Charity.

Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospital Charity will now receive £901.75 and StopWatch will receive £821.75. This is fantastic amount considering not all of the year groups were in school and Yr 7 students were asked to make a minimum contribution of £1.

#### Tracing close contacts and isolation

The government has stated the following: Settings will only need to do contact tracing up to Step 4. From Step 4, close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. 18-year-olds will be treated in the same way as children until 4 months after their 18th birthday, to allow them the opportunity to get fully vaccinated. At which point, they will be subject to the same rules as adults, so if they choose not to get vaccinated, they will need to self-isolate in the event that they are identified as a close contact.

#### Parent Teacher Meetings – save the date!

The dates of the Parent Teacher Meetings have been decided for next year. Whether these will take place virtually or in person will be confirmed closer to the time. The dates are as follows:

Thursday 18th November – Year 10

Thursday 20th January – Year 13

Thursday 3rd February – Year 11

Thursday 24th February – Year 7

Thursday 28th April – Year 12

Thursday 24th March – Year 8

Thursday 19th May – Year 9

Please be advised that the main school email address <u>johnfisherschool@johnfisherschool.org</u> will be monitored over the summer for urgent enquiries only. All other emails will be responded to when the school reopens after the summer break.

With all good wishes and prayers for a safe, happy and restful summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

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P E McCullagh Headteacher