

21 July 2021



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Dear Parent/Carer

We have reached the end of the academic year. A lot of hard work has ensured that we have continue to educate young people during a pandemic. In addition to finishing the year we must plan for the changing restrictions from September. Below are the outlines for next year.

Testing in September

As you may be aware, all schools are required to test all students on their return following the summer holidays. We will continue to use the consent forms you have already signed. If you have changed your mind and no longer wish to consent for your son/daughter to be tested, please email enquiries@ralphallenschool.com by **Monday 6 September**. Below is the full testing programme for the whole school.

Date	Year groups in school	Year groups testing
Thursday 2 September	Inset day (No students)	None
Friday 3 September	Student Enrollment Day & staff training (No students)	Year 7
Monday 6 September	Years 7 & 12	Years 11, 12 & 13**
Tuesday 7 September	All year groups	Years 8, 9 & 10
Wednesday 8 September	All year groups	Year 7
Thursday 9 September	All year groups	Years 11, 12 & 13
Friday 10 September	All year groups	Years 8, 9 & 10

**Please note that on Monday 6 September, year 11 & 13 will be required to attend school for their covid test and then return home. We are inviting year 11 from 11.30am-1pm and year 13 from 1.30-3pm.

September Start 2021

Below is the latest coronavirus update, these are outlined below:

- From the 16 August, close contacts who are fully vaccinated or those under 18 will not need to self-isolate.
- All close contacts will be advised to take a PCR test – you should encourage anyone identified as a close contact to do this.
- Individuals identified as close contacts **will not need to self-isolate** while they are awaiting the results of their test.
- If the PCR result is positive, the individual must isolate, and NHS Test and Trace will work with them to identify any close contacts.

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Schools will not be asked to identify close contacts anymore. This will be done by NHS test and trace. Some of the finer details are still pending but we now have a good picture of how to move forward.

Identifying Symptoms Early

Please ensure you do not send your child to school if they have the following symptoms:

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you have any of these symptoms, get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result, even if the symptoms are mild.

Systems that are remaining include:

- One-way systems in buildings will be staying but we will be removing around site. We are still looking at a few pinch points that are being reviewed.
- Face coverings will be optional.
- Testing will take place twice in September as explained above.
- A full risk assessment will be rewritten following the new guidelines.

The School Day

The timings of the school day has returned to its original format and is shown below. The only difference is that we will stagger the end of the day. This has proven to be a much easier end to the day.

TUTOR PERIOD	8.40-9.05am
LESSON ONE	9.05-10.05am
LESSON TWO	10.05-11.05am
BREAK	11.05-11.30am
LESSON THREE	11.30am-12.30pm
LESSON FOUR	12.30-2.10pm
LESSON FIVE	
Year 7	2.10 – 3.10pm
Year 8	2.10 – 3.12pm
Year 9	2.10 – 3.10pm
Year 10	2.10 – 3.12pm
Year 11,12 & 13	2.10 – 3.15pm

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Tutor groups

These will be returning to a vertical set up. Students will be signposted where to go on their first day back.

Breaktime

Students will be able to mix again with different year groups if they wish. They will also be able to buy snacks during this time.

Lunchtimes

The new times for lunch are below:

First lunch	7 & 10	12.30-1.10pm
Middle lunch	9, 12 & 13	1-1.40pm
Late lunch	8 & 11	1.30-2.10pm

Extra-Curricular Activities

These will return to normal and will start week beginning 13 September. The Extra Curricular and clubs activity booklet can be viewed on our website. A full list will be sent to parents in September.

Uniform

We are expecting full school uniform from September. On PE days, please come in school uniform with your PE kit ready to be changed into.

Microsoft Teams

We use Microsoft Teams as an online learning platform. Students will be provided with log in details on their first day of school. Further guidance for parents will be sent in September.

Please keep an eye on the website over the summer. This is where we will inform you of any changes to provision that may be government led.

Kind regards

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Ralph Allen School – Term Dates and Inset programme 2021-22

Term	Dates	Notes
1	Thurs 2 September – Friday 22 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inset (1) – Thursday 2 September• Friday 3 September – Enrolment for identified students.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staggered start for whole year groups<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Monday 6 September – Year 7 and 12 only○ Tuesday 7 September – All Years• Inset day (2) Friday 24 September
2	Monday 1 November – Thursday 16 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inset day (3) Friday 12 November• Inset day (4) Monday 15 November <p><i>(Friday 17 December extra holiday in lieu of Queens Platinum jubilee)</i></p>
3	Tuesday 4 January – Friday 18 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inset day (5) – Tuesday 4 January
4	Monday 28 February – Friday 8 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PAT Inset day (6) – Monday 7 March
5	Monday 25 April – Friday 27 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bank Holiday Mayday 2 May
6	Monday – 6 June – Friday 22 July	

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