



LYMM HIGH SCHOOL

22nd July 2021

Dear parent or carer,

RE: First Day Arrangements and Covid-19 Testing

I hope that you and your child are looking forward to the summer holidays and your child has had a fantastic last week at Primary School. I am looking forward to meeting all of the children on the first day back on Monday the 6th September 2021.

First Day Arrangements

On the first day the children will need to be in school for approximately **8:10am**; the first bell will sound at 8:20am and at this point their form tutors will meet the children on the English Yard. To reduce the number of adults on the school site we request that if you are driving you drop your child off in the main car park at the front of school and allow them to walk into school. We will have a number of pastoral staff and Year 12 mentors that will be waiting for the children; they will make sure that the children are in the right place at the right time. On the first day it will only be Year 7 and Year 12 in school; having fewer pupils in school on the first day worked well for Year 7 last year as it gave them a 'soft landing' into life at Lymm. Please be aware that the traffic on the first day will be relatively quiet as we only have two year groups in school; if you are planning on dropping your child off from the 2nd day onwards can you please be mindful that the buses and traffic make the school car park incredibly busy; it would be preferable for you to drop your child off away from the school site.

In the morning the children will get the chance to spend some time with their form teacher and peers within their form group, they will then be given their timetable and will attend some of their lessons.

Children will not need their PE kit on the first day but they will need a school bag and also a fully stocked pencil case. We are going to endeavour to get all of the finger prints taken on the first day so that the children can all access their Parent Pay account for their lunch. If we have any problems we will take your child's name and ensure that they are given some lunch; your children are also welcome to bring a packed lunch.

At the end of the day there will be staff by the bus bays to support children getting on the correct buses and **the school day finishes as 3:10pm**. If you are collecting your child we ask that you do not park in the bus bays as this causes issues with the buses accessing school. There is often limited parking so it may be more suitable to arrange to pick your child up outside of the school grounds.

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Covid-19 Testing

It is extremely important that we make a really strong start to the year by identifying any possible positive cases before the virus has a chance to spread in school. For this reason, the government has asked us to test all students twice on returning to school in September. The first test will take place at the following times prior to the start of the year (i.e. on staff INSET days, before students are back in school).

Time	Thursday 2 nd Sept
1pm – 2pm	Year 7, L forms
2pm – 3pm	Year 7, H forms

If your child really is unable to attend their time slot, then please get in touch via the following email address covidtesting@lymmhigh.org.uk and we will try to fit you into another year group's slot. The second test must take place 3 to 5 days after the first and we will be doing this during lesson time on **Tuesday 7th September**. It is important that we have your consent for your child to take part in the testing and so we need you to complete a consent form before 2nd September using this [link](#). If you have more than one child starting in Year 7 you will need to complete a separate form for each child.

If a student were to test positive on the lateral flow test then they would be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. If this test is positive they will then have to isolate, but if it is negative they can return to school.

I know that for the Year 6 children this testing is all very new, however I can only reassure you that we ran this very efficiently last time, meaning we tested around 1900 students in just two days. We have given the new Year 7 students a longer testing slot as we appreciate it may be their first time doing these tests; support staff, Mr Guatella and I will be available on the day and we will look after any pupils that are worried about testing. If you have a child with additional needs and you have particular concerns about testing please email covidtesting@lymmhigh.org.uk and we can arrange an alternative time for your child to come to complete their test.

The testing on the day will run in the same way as we have done previously, please see the presentation [linked here](#) for information. Thanks for all your help and support with this and please get in touch via covidtesting@lymmhigh.org.uk if you have any queries.

I am incredibly excited about welcoming your child to Lymm in September; whether you have children here already or are new to Lymm I hope that the next year is extremely successful for your child.

Take care and have an enjoyable summer.



Charlotte Worrall
Head of Year 7