

1st September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

New Academic Year

It is nearly the start of the new academic year and we are really looking forward to welcoming all of our existing and new students back to Nottingham Emmanuel School! We hope that you have all managed to have a good break over the summer. Last week we had the pleasure of getting to know nearly 130 of our new Year 7 students, in our first ever Summer School. It was a very successful week, allowing Year 7 students to get to know each other, meet some staff and also feel more confident about the transition to secondary school. We were very impressed with our new Year 7s and look forward seeing them back in their uniform later this week.

September Staggered Start

This year we are staggering the return of all students to ensure for Covid testing and also to provide an opportunity for our Year 7 students to complete transition activities they missed in July due to Covid. The table below shows the return date for the different year groups in school:

Year Group	Return Date
7	Thursday 2 nd September
8	Monday 6 th September
9	Tuesday 7 th September
10	Tuesday 7 th September
11	Thursday 2 nd September
Post 16 (Years 12 &13)	Monday 6 th September

Students will enter via the main front gates and will enter the school through the Cloister. Staff will be on duty to guide students to their correct year group line up area. School gates open at 8am and will close at 8:25am. Students who arrive after this time will be classed as late. Students need to be in their tutor line by 8:30am where they will be greeted by their Year Leader and Tutor.

Uniform

All students will return to school in full uniform. With the relaxation of Covid restrictions students no longer need to come to school in their PE kit on PE days. Students will have time to change into their kit for PE and then back into their school uniform at the end of their PE lesson. Therefore, full school uniform must be worn at all times.

Access Cards and Lunch

Please ensure that students bring their Access Card into school. Lunch accounts need to be topped up via ParentMail. New students will receive their access card on their first day at school. If your child has lost their card you can order and pay for a new one on ParentMail.

What school will be like this term:

- Students will be returning to their normal timetable and will move around the school to lessons.
- Students will have access to the specialised rooms all over the school.
- Each year group will line up in their outside year area at the start of each day.
- There is no requirement for students or staff to wear face masks. This may change if we have an outbreak in school or if the Department for Education update their guidance. Staff and students can still choose to wear masks.
- Students will change for PE so will need to wear their normal school uniform on PE days and bring their PE kit to get changed into.
- Enrichment programme will restart at lunch and after school – details in September.
- Homework will continue to be set on Teams. New students will have Teams Induction lessons in September.

Lateral Flow Tests in School

Thanks to all the students who attended their lateral flow test appointment last week. We were very impressed with how students handled themselves in the test centre. The Department for Education has requested that all schools conduct two lateral flow tests onsite for all students (with consent) prior to the start of the academic year. Most students now have had their first lateral flow test and will attend school for their second lateral flow test appointment this week. If you have not had an appointment time for your second appointment please contact school.

The table below shows the days, different year groups will be tested:

Testing Day	Year Groups
Thursday 26 th August – Test 1	Year 7, Year 11 and Year 13
Friday 27 th August – Test 1	Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12
Tuesday 31 st August – Test 2	Year 7, Year 11 and Year 13
Wednesday 1 st September – Test 2	Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12
Thursday 2 nd September	Mop up
Friday 3 rd September	Mop up

Staff and students (with consent) will still be expected to conduct lateral flow tests twice a week at home throughout September. New kits will be issued to students after they have completed the two lateral flow tests on site. The Department for Education will review the need to continue with lateral flow tests at the end of September.

Covid Symptoms

Please can I remind you all that students must stay at home and book a PCR Covid test if they show any symptoms of Covid 19 (high temperature above 37.8 °C, continuous dry cough or a loss of the sense of taste and/or smell). If your child tests positive either with a lateral flow test or a PCR test please ensure that you contact the school immediately (including over the weekend or during school holiday) please email our Academy Manager on tbartley@emmanuel.nottingham.sch.uk including the following details:

- Child's name and tutor group
- Date of first symptoms
- Date of test
- Date of positive test result
- Screen shot of the NHS test result

Yours faithfully



Mrs S. Stapleton
Principal