

13 July 2021



Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope you and your families are keeping well and are looking forward to the summer holiday.

From Monday 19 July 2021 there will be a lifting of national restrictions, which means COVID-19 infections are predicted to rise during the summer period. In order to protect everyone and minimise the spread of the virus in school in the Autumn we have been instructed that all students undertake **two** onsite LFD tests before they return to school. In the event of this being positive then students will be required to self-isolate for ten days in line with the stay at home guidance [LINK](#). There will be no requirements for close contacts to isolate and schools will no longer be required to contact trace. This will be the responsibility of the NHS Track and Trace system.

As a result of this on site testing you will be sent another letter with information on how to register your child. This also means that the beginning of term will be different for each year group.

Thursday 2 September 2021	Drop In Testing 1 – Years 8 to 13	
Friday 3 September 2021	Drop In Testing 1 - Years 8 to 13	
Monday 6 September 2021 (8.20 am to 3.05 pm)	Years 7 ONLY Drop In Testing	Years 7 to 11 SEND and Vulnerable students 6 to 8 September 2021 (Induction by invitation) Year 13 Work Experience from 6 to 10 September 2021
Tuesday 7 September 2021	Drop In Testing 2 - Years 8 to 13	Years 7 to 11 SEND and Vulnerable students 6 to 8 September 2021 (Induction by invitation) Year 13 Work Experience from 6 to 10 September 2021
Wednesday 8 September 2021	Drop In Testing 2 – Years 8 to 13 Year 12 Induction Day	Years 7 to 11 SEND and Vulnerable students 6 to 8 September 2021 (Induction by invitation) Year 13 Work Experience from 6 to 10 September 2021
Thursday 9 September 2021 (8.20 am to 3.05 pm)	Year 7 Induction and Orientation including Testing 2 – 8.20 am to 3.05 pm	Year 13 Work Experience from 6 to 10 September 2021 Year 12 NCS Programme in school
Friday 10 September 2021 (8.20 am to 3.05 pm)	Year 7 and 8 Induction and Orientation – 8.20 am to 3.05 pm	Year 13 Work Experience from 6 to 10 September 2021 Year 12 NCS Programme in school
Monday 13 September 2021	All Year groups return 8.20 am to 3.05 pm	

Next year we aim to minimise the loss of learning to students having time off school through illness or COVID-19 isolation periods and to enable children to access their full education including physical and social opportunities. As a result, hygiene measures and minimising close contact situations will remain in place to reduce the risk of illness and infection of any kind.

Students will continue to be in Year Group schools across the site. These will operate as independent schools with their own Head of School, Head of Year, Assistant Head of Year, BEST Team and Operations Support. All schools will continue to have their own entrance, which is to be used at all times by students and parents, gates will be open from 8.00 am when students will need to sanitise on arrival at school. A map is included to show where your child's school is located and how to access it. Students will be in Year based forms. Information on forms, tutors and your child's timetable will be available on My Child at School. We are working to make this information available by the last day of term. Students in school will be informed before the end of term.

Each school will have their own dining and catering facilities, toilets, multi-use large space, outdoor hard play area and field. In order to access all the Curriculum students will move around the whole school site to specialist areas for their different subjects following one-way systems. Corridors and restricted indoor spaces are for travel only. Before school, during breaks and lunches students will be restricted to their Year schools only.

Further information for next term will be available in a special Thorpe Life edition and an information pack, School Matters will follow before September. The Department of Education guidance for what parents and carers need to know about early year's providers, school and colleges can be viewed via this [LINK](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support for your child and the school. We look forward to welcoming your child to Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form in September.

If you have any questions or concerns please email office-tsa@yare-edu.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



Mrs P Bignell
Principal

