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SEPTEMBER 2021 REOPENING



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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.

Norfolk County Council are urging students to continue to test twice weekly over the summer holidays to help slow the spread of the virus and keep infections as low as possible. Please follow this [LINK](#) for further information.

In order to protect everyone and minimise the spread of the virus in school in the Autumn, we have been instructed that all students must undertake **two** onsite LFD tests before they return to school. Please click on this [LINK](#) to view the Government Guidance. In the event of this being positive, 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 onsite testing, this means that the beginning of term will be different for each year group...

We invite you to book your child/children's testing slots (note this is for Years 8 to 13 - we will invite Year 7 students in separately as this is likely to be the first time that they have been expected to test). Note: Testing slots are per family, so that if you have more than one child at the school, you only need to make one drop off and pick up.

Please follow the link to complete the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/yf5hBmQKLWPsNFVz7>.

We know some families are unable to access Google, so if this is the case, contact Izzy Mair, COVID-19 Co-ordinator at imair8kq@yare-edu.org.uk to book your test slots. Email your preferred dates and approximate times between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm and you will be contacted. Note: There may be a delay in response if completed after Wednesday 21 July 2021.

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	

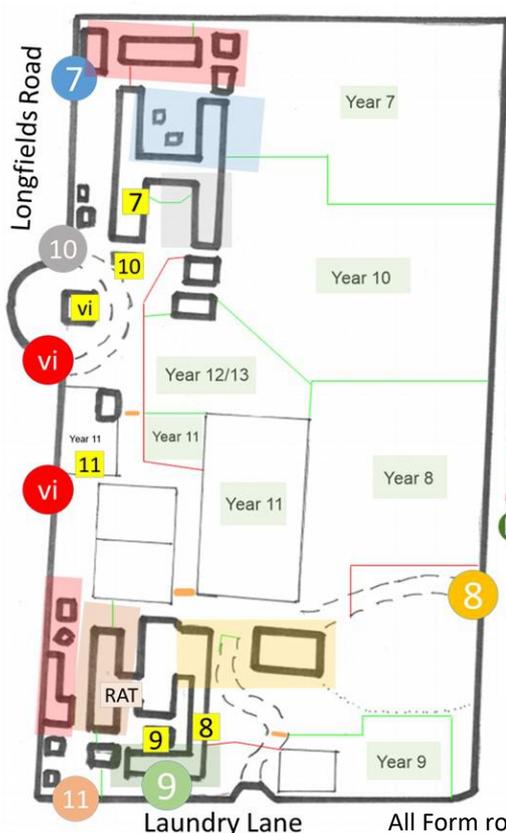


From September 2021, following our Pastoral Reorganisation in order to achieve 'Excellence for All', we will continue to operate as Year Group Schools and communities. This enables us to develop our pastoral support and curriculum for each Year Group school. This structure also continues to support hygiene measures to reduce the risk of illness and infection of any kind and organisation of health and safety practice that have become established to minimise loss of learning due to children having time off through any illness (or COVID-19 isolation periods).

Each year school will have its own entrance, outdoor play area and field, dining hall and catering facilities.

The schools will have their own staffing structure. Each school is organised to lead and manage the Year school and provide the best support for all students.

Team Role	Year 7 School	Year 8 School	Year 9 School	Year 10 School	Year 11 School	Sixth Form
Head of School	Miss Allen	Mr Dewar	Mrs Wilkinson	Mr Pywell	Mr Hookway	Ms Bernard
Head of Year	Mr Robb Miss Turner	Mr Asker	Mr Coleman	Mr Bowman	Ms McCloy	Miss Sadler - Year 12 Miss Woodcock - Year 13
Assistant Head of Year	Miss Webb	Miss Cassam	Mr Mickleburgh	Mr Finch	Mr Woodhouse	Mr Elliott - Year 12 Miss Elgar - Year 13
BEST Lead	Mrs Howes	Mr Winter	Mrs Thetford	Ms Bond	Ms Larkman	Mrs Batson
BEST Assistant	Mrs Watker	Mrs Byram	Mrs Taylor	Mrs Humphrey	Mrs Norman	Mr Durrant
Administrative Support	Miss Evans	Mrs Miller	Mrs Jones	Mrs Elvin Mrs Bale	Miss Banham	Mrs Wheatley



Year Schools 2021-22

- Year 7 Base
- Year 8 Base
- Year 9 Base
- Year 10 Base
- Year 11 Base
- 6th Form Base
- 8 Entrance (Year Indicated)
- 7 Canteen (Year Indicated)
- RAT Raising Achievement Team
- Recreational Area (Year Indicated)

Laundry Lane

All Form rooms are in the relevant base

The Raising Achievement Team which supports all vulnerable students including SEND and those underachieving for a range of reasons across all years, will be centrally based on South Site and will also be completing outreach work across all Year Schools as required.

Health and Safety and Hygiene Guidelines 2021-22

'A Surge' of COVID-19 infections is predicted over the summer due to lifting of National lockdown.

- Autumn Term will also see a significant rise in the spread of other seasonal illnesses as there has been so little social mixing for the last two years.
- Our experience this last year indicates that children can carry and pass on COVID-19 easily.
- COVID-19 is spread primarily through airborne droplets rather than surface contact.
- Measures such as distancing and mask wearing will no longer be mandatory.
- From September, schools will not be required to contact trace within the school setting for specific close contacts of students. This will become the responsibility of Track and Trace.

Aim

- To minimise loss of learning due to children having time off through any illness and/or COVID-19 isolation periods.
- To continue good hygiene and good health and safety organisational practice that has become established during the period of measures introduced for COVID-19.
- To enable students to access their full education.
- To provide students with physical, social opportunities and full access to all support services including catching up intervention, teaching, mental health and SEND provisions.

Attendance

Student Absence - Children are not to attend school:

- When they have symptoms of any illness.
- After a positive LFD test (in place until end of September 2021 at least for all) and PCR test when period of isolation completed dependent on NHS Track and Trace requirements.

We will continue to provide remote online learning for all students who are self-isolating due to COVID-19.

- A student must arrive in school by 8.20 am. Lateness is not acceptable and will result in reflection time. Gates will be closed by 8.30 am.
- If your child is unwell, it is your responsibility to report the absence via the school's absence line each day of illness.
- Attendance will be monitored closely by the school and you can view this on Class Charts.
- Support will be given to students with illness. If attendance falls below 95%, the school will request medical evidence for each absence.
- Unauthorised absence is likely to result in Court action against a parent.
- Holidays during term time are NOT authorised, in line with Norfolk and National policy. A leave of absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.
- Appointments need to be made outside of school time wherever possible. If students have to leave school early for appointments or for any other reason, they must go to their Year School office to sign out. A note of explanation must be shown and the letter also presented to the office staff, requesting to leave school early.

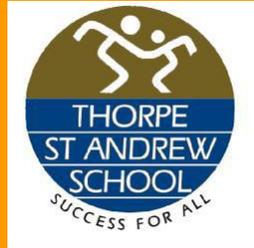
Measures and Actions

- Hygiene measures to reduce risk of illness and infection of **any kind**.
- Hand sanitiser **must** be used on arrival to school at your Year school entrance only.
- Hand sanitiser available to use in any building.
- Handwashing/sanitiser use encouraged before and after breaks, going to the toilet, and before and after eating. Facilities are available in all dining areas.
- Promote good respiratory hygiene 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It'.
- High touch areas and toilet facilities cleaned in the middle of the day.
- Maximise ventilation in classrooms and all indoor areas.
- Utilise outdoor spaces for learning where possible.
- Students using school buses or transport **must** wear a face covering unless exempt.



Physical Measures

- Students to travel across school for lessons only.
- Reduce mixing of students without compromising opportunities for social times.
- School gates open at 8.00 am with access via Year school gates only and students remain outside until first bell.
- Students stay in their Year school for break and lunchtimes in their dining room and outdoor spaces including their fields. This means students do not mix with other schools, reducing the risk of catching the virus.
- Seven minute changeover time to allow ventilation of rooms (cleaning if necessary of desks by students before next group) and travel time to lessons. Students to wait outside until warning bell to enter building.
- All Year schools and buildings (when possible) have one entrance and one exit.
- Corridors are **movement only** spaces with students accessing classrooms on arrival.
- Main school assemblies and other form activities continue as video based activities, except weekly Year school assemblies (to be revised in September).



- No lockers are available on site as these cause congestion, unnecessary contact and health and safety hazards.
- Students leave school at the end of the day by their nearest exits (except Pound Lane) after their last lessons or after school activities to avoid unnecessary travel and mixing.
- School buses will drop off by Year school gates. Bus students leave by Pound Lane exit gates **ONLY**.
- After school extra curriculum clubs continue in Year school groups only until further notice.
- Staff will continue to observe social distancing where possible in classrooms across the site and exclusion zones for students will remain at the front of classrooms.
- Visitors to school to adopt good hygiene measures, carrying out testing before entering, only attending if fully well and use Year school bases wherever possible.
- Students to attend in PE kit on PE days. Please follow this [LINK](#) for the Stevensons website where the PE kit can be purchased.
- Changing facilities remain closed due to close contact issues in these spaces.
- Library to be restricted to Year Group use daily.

Efficiency and Practical Measures

- Ongoing use of email communication with Parents and Students.
- Ongoing use of video conferencing with Parents for meetings when possible.
- ParentPay to continue for school meal purchases and trips.
- Parent Consultation Evenings will continue online.

Emergency Measures

Outbreak Management Plan to be drawn up in the case of high levels of COVID-19 related absence. Please follow this [LINK](#) for the Governments COVID-19 Contingency Framework: Education and Childcare June 2021 document.

Further information for next term will be available in School Matters and this will be sent out before September. The Department of Education guidance for what parents and carers need to know about early year's providers, schools 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.



Hundreds of free or cheap ideas and activities for families to enjoy during the holidays.

Please follow this [LINK](#) for more information.