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Dear Parent/Carer,

Start of term arrangements

We have adapted our plans in light of the government's latest guidance to schools as part of Step 4 in the Roadmap and I would like to share with you the arrangements for the start of the academic year 2021/22.

COVID Testing and controls

As you know, all secondary schools have been asked to test students twice on-site via lateral flow tests (LFD) at the start of term. This means there will be a staggered start for all year groups. We will begin the testing process on Monday 6th September and students will return to school on the day after their first test, provided their test result is negative. Please see below the plan for each year group:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Sixth form
LFD Test 1	Mon 6 Sept	Wed 8 Sept	Wed 8 Sept	Tue 7 Sept	Tue 7 Sept	Mon 6 Sept
School starts	Tue 7 Sept	Thu 9 Sept	Thu 9 Sept	Wed 8 Sept	Wed 8 Sept	Tue 7 Sept
LFD Test 2	Thu 9 Sept	Mon 13 Sept	Mon 13 Sept	Fri 10 Sept	Fri 10 Sept	Thu 9 Sept

We appreciate this may be a slightly daunting experience for our transitioning students in Year 7 and would like to reassure you that Mrs Erroi (Head of Year 7), Mr Johnson (Assistant Headteacher) and other pastoral staff will be available to support and help the process. On the day of their first LFD test, please make arrangements for your child to attend school at the time slot allocated below:

Timings	Mon 6 Sept	Tue 7 Sept	Wed 8 Sept
8.45	7GV1/GV2	11GV9/GV10	9GV5/GV6
9.15	7SE1/SE2	11SE9/SE10	9SE5/SE6
9.45	7WH1/WH2	11WH9/WH10	9WH5/WH6
10.15	7WE1/WE2	11WE9/WE10	9WE5/WE6
10.45	7WG1	11WG9	9WG5
11.45	SE12/WH12/GV12	10GV7/GV8	8GV3/GV4
12.15	WGA12/WGB12/WE12	10SE7/SE8	8SE3/SE4
1.20	WGC12/GV13/SE13	10WH7/WH8	8WH3/WH4
1.50	WE13/WH13/WGA13	10WE7/WE8	8WE3/WE4
2.20	WGB13/WGC13	10WG7	8WG3

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Community volunteers

We are again looking for community volunteers to help run our on-site test centre and would be grateful if you could support our efforts. If you are able to donate any day(s) between Monday 6th – Monday 13th September, please register via this online form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/QLzB0gDJFB>

School transport

Students are not allowed to use dedicated school transport to attend their first LFD test. However, students **will** be able to access school transport from their first day of school (see dates marked in yellow above). If there are any further government announcements or changes to the roadmap over the summer, we will amend our plans accordingly and inform you. We will send out a video to all students and parents in August, as we did last summer and before the March re-opening, which will explain our arrangements and testing procedures.

I would like to thank you all once again for the exceptional support you have shown to Southam College and our students throughout this challenging year and wish you and your family a restful summer.

Yours sincerely



Bertram Richter
Deputy Headteacher

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