



Dear Parents and Carers,

I really hope you have been able to have a relaxing summer and some time to rest. I, like many of you, embraced the true British weather and was very wet most days on our visit to Pembrokeshire earlier in the summer!

Just a couple of reminders before students return.

At the end of last term and earlier today you should have received a letter with details about the Lateral Flow Testing process and their return date. All letters are on our website if you require another copy. They can also be found here: [Return to school letters](#) Each letter at the bottom of the section is for your child’s new year group and is entitled ‘Yr# End of year letter and timetable for September’s lateral flow testing’.

If you have any questions regarding the testing please feel free to email Mrs Green egreen@jogschool.org If you are a parent of a new Year 7 child, you also have the option of accompanying your child to the test to support them through the process.

If you have not yet given your consent for your under 16 year-old to be tested, please fill in the consent form here: <https://forms.office.com/r/BCZnrf72QT>

Daily Timings

Please remember the daily timings of the school day have been slightly adjusted to enable a 5 minute earlier start. Once all students return it will mean all students are required to be on site for 8:30am.

Time	Activity
8:30am	All students on site
8:35am	Morning Welcome (Yrs 7,8,9,10) Tutor Time (Yrs 11,12,13)
8:45am	Tutor Time (Yrs 7,8,9,10)
9:05am	Lesson 1
10:05am	Lesson 2
11:05am	Break Time
11:25am	Lesson 3
12:25pm	Lesson 4
1:25pm	Lunch Time





2:00pm	Lesson 5
3:00pm	Home Time for Yrs 7-10
4:00pm	Home Time for Yrs 11-13

Term dates

A full copy of term dates, including our inset days are available on our website or by following this link: [Term Dates 2021-2022](#)

Uniform and Equipment

Students do not need to wear their school uniform for the first lateral test. Once they return to school please ensure they are wearing their full uniform in line with our policy. The uniform policy can be found here: [Uniform Policy](#). Please remember school trousers are required to be full length to the shoe and shoes should be plain black polished shoes with no branding.

Easing of restrictions

With the easing of restrictions schools no longer have to ensure year groups are separated and are able to relax their restrictions. At the end of the last academic year we have transitioned to this and therefore we hope by further easing restrictions students will be able to adjust accordingly. Students will be able to move around the school to all their classes and use any of the toilets in any building.

We have decided to maintain specific food distribution areas for each year group as this reduced queuing times and was widely seen as a positive measure. We will also maintain an inside and outside play area for each year group, although these will be optional for them. Assemblies and the new morning welcome will now take place in person rather than online.

New Self Isolation rules

If a member of staff or a pupil is identified as a Close Contact of someone with Covid-19, **they do not need to self-isolate**, as long as they are either under 18 or double vaccinated and do not have symptoms of covid.

If you live with someone who develops symptoms or who tests positive, **you do not need to self-isolate**, as long as you are either under 18 or double vaccinated and do not have symptoms of covid.

This means that children **do not have to stay at home if a parent or sibling has symptoms or a positive result**, and staff do not need to stay at home if a housemate has symptoms or a positive result.



In all the above cases, NHS Test and Trace will contact you to tell you that you are a Close Contact, and they will advise you to:

- Take a PCR test ASAP.
- Limit close contact with people
- Wear a mask in enclosed spaces
- Limit contact with clinically extremely vulnerable people
- Take lateral flow tests twice a week (adults and older children)

As long as you don't develop symptoms or test positive, you should observe these measures for 10 days after your last contact with the covid case, but you may continue to attend school, even while waiting for your PCR test result.

What's the same?

- Hand sanitisation before and after every lesson, before and after break and lunch time
- The option to wear a face covering
- Extra ventilation within classrooms
- Enhanced cleaning of all communal areas including toilets
- Online parents' evenings

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are really looking forward to welcoming students back.

With kind regards,

Paul Skipp
Headteacher