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Dear Parent and Carers

September back to school

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer enjoying time with your families. As we now approach the end of the summer holidays I would like to take the opportunity to remind you of our expectations at Kingswinford so that the Autumn term starts on a positive note.

In a separate letter you have been given details of when students are expected to attend for their lateral flow test on this day they will return home once they have completed their test.

From September there will no longer be the need for staggered start and finish times so all students are expected in school at 8.45am and will finish at 3pm.

Here is a reminder of the day each year group will start back after their first lateral flow test:

Monday 6th September	- Year 7
Tuesday 7th September	- Year 11 and Year 10
Wednesday 8th September	- Year 9 and Year 8

Attendance and Punctuality

Government guidance is that student attendance, from September, is compulsory. As such we will be applying the usual attendance policy and procedures. Having missed several months of face-to-face learning over the past two years it is crucial that students do not take holidays during term time and that students attend school unless they are unwell (please ensure you communicate to the school the reason why as soon as possible in the morning of each day). Students should aim to be on site by 8.40am to avoid being late for the school start at 8.45am.

Uniform

Students must wear the correct uniform. For clarification on what this is see the [school website](#). It is important that students wear shoes and not trainers (see the school website for clarification on what constitutes a shoe). Students in trainers will be challenged and asked to change into suitable shoes. Hoodies cannot be worn and will be confiscated. Our website also explains our stance on jewellery, facial piercings and hair colours / styles.



PE kit has to be correct (as per our school website). Only school PE tracksuits and PE tops / jumpers will be allowed. No branded hoodies. Students will bring a PE kit on the days that they have PE and change in the changing rooms.

Students will need to bring their own equipment with them. Whilst this has always been expected it is crucial from September. Please ensure that your child brings with them a bag and all of the essential equipment they need for their lessons - pens, pencils, crayons, ruler, calculator, apron (D&T as required).

'Homework' will be set on Google Classroom and be known as 'Remote Learning'. This system has proved exceptionally beneficial and it worked so successfully during lockdowns. This also cuts down on the amount of paper handed out and so reduces contact. Students will be assigned to new Google classrooms as per their new timetables in September. This will also mean that, should we go into another lockdown or partial lockdown, we will have continuity of their education. Students in years 7, 8 and 9 will not be issued with planners this year as they will use their iPads and electronic communication systems universally.

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PPE – face coverings

Based on government guidance, students and staff do not need to wear face masks or other PPE in school. We will continue to actively promote hand washing and good hygiene during the school day, and students and staff may choose to wear plain face masks or visors should they wish. However, should a Covid outbreak occur, the local public health team may ask the school to instruct staff and students to wear face masks. Please be prepared for this possibility.

School site access and parking

Please consider the safety of students and residents during drop off and collecting. Water Street does become very congested and potentially hazardous during these times so we ask that you arrange to drop and meet students on an adjoining street or somewhere they can safely walk to.

Additionally, if you wish to see a member of staff it must be via prior appointment, as we cannot guarantee suitable staff availability without prior notice. Where possible please speak to staff over the phone to minimise contact. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.

Enjoy the rest of the summer holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone at the beginning of September.

Your sincerely

Mrs Fletcher
Deputy Headteacher