



OLD BUCKENHAM  
HIGH SCHOOL

*Be the best we can be*

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am very pleased to welcome you to the new academic year and I am looking forward to working with you over the coming months to ensure we all continue to 'be the best we can be'. During the Summer we have worked hard to ensure the school is ready for the new term including the continued school arrangements to reduce the risk posed by Covid, more details are set out below. Year 7 parents will be receiving a separate letter with further information regarding the start of term from the Pastoral Team.

### Covid Measures

Most of the measures that we had used last year are still in place. Students will be given more details on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September; however, our measures are listed below:

### Lateral Flow Testing

With your agreement (please click [here](#) for the consent form), students will undergo two lateral flow tests within the first week which will take place during lesson time as per the schedule below. It is not compulsory but we would advise students have a lateral flow test prior to starting on Monday. If a student tests positive with a lateral flow test, when in school, students will need to go home, self-isolate and take a PCR test, and follow Government guidance. Please read the attached guidance [here](#).

### Testing arrangements

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September		Year 9	Year 11
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7	Year 8	Year 10
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September			
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 11		Year 9
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 8	Year 10	Year 7

### Face Coverings

Face coverings are not compulsory in school or on school transport, however students may choose to wear them at any time during the school day, and it continues to be advised by the Government.

### Self-Isolation

Students under the age of 18 do not need to self-isolate if they live in a household, or have been in close contact, with someone who has tested positive for Covid 19. This means that students will no longer need to self-isolate if they are in close contact with a confirmed/suspected positive case during the school day.

### Site Management

The one-way system will continue to be in place for the academic year and year group zones will continue to be in place during lunchtimes. During breaktimes, students will be able to move around the school site, but will



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access food from their designated station. Students will be expected to use hand sanitiser on entry and exit to all classrooms. We will endeavour to keep classrooms well ventilated by keeping doors and windows open, where appropriate. Good hygiene is vital to reduce the risk of infection.

## School Lunch Provision

Food will be available from three service points and all food is purchased via our contactless payment system. Students will be updated on the first day back as to which station they are to use. Separate arrangements in terms of payment will be in place for our new Year 7 students.

## Behaviour, Uniform and Attendance

We will continue to expect high standards of behaviour, including politeness and courtesy. Our uniform policy is clear and available [here](#). We check uniform regularly and all students are expected to fully comply, particular attention will be paid to footwear and jewellery.

Following the disruption over the last two years, it is more important than ever that all students attend regularly. Our pastoral team will work closely with students and parents of any students who are finding coming to school difficult.

## First Day Arrangements

Timing	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
	All tutor groups to go to form rooms to be registered. Tutors to bring their form to the hall on the allocated time slot. All forms should be lined up in silence outside the hall.  Tutors are to give out student timetables, check and record uniform. There is a presentation provided to show the students.				
<b>8.45-9.00</b>	Base Time	Base Time	Base Time	Base Time	Assembly 8.50-9.05
<b>9.00-10.00</b>	Presentation	Presentation  Assembly 9.50-10.00	Presentation  Assembly 9.30-9.45	Presentation  Assembly 9.10-9.25	Presentation
<b>10.00-10.40</b>	Assembly	First Lesson	First Lesson	First Lesson	First Lesson
<b>10.40-11.00</b>	Break				
	Normal Day continues and Covid testing				

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Fell  
Headteacher

