



26 August 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Update for start of term

I trust you and our pupils and students have so far had a very good holiday break; once again there have been challenges this year with changing advice and guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) regarding mass testing for COVID-19 and the return to school as well as local challenges regarding Sixth Form places. I am writing to provide confirmation of our arrangements as well as updates and clarification.

It has been a busy summer holiday break in school as we have once again reorganised learning spaces across the school to be ready for an academic year with pupils and students not remaining in year group “bubbles”. However, the DfE have instructed all schools and academies to have a “Contingency Framework” in place to be able to respond to any national, regional or local outbreaks of COVID-19. We have put arrangements in place including two teaching timetables so, **if we have to** go back into year group bubbles we have the rooming and staffing in place; we have retained our Asymptomatic Testing Site and we have trained members of staff in place to administer the tests.

The arrangements and reorganisation includes returning the Main Hall to a space used for year group assemblies, productions and other events; year groups will have registration in form classes in a Faculty pod, go to lessons in specialist subject areas and go to one of two breaks and lunchtimes with their year group. A copy of the daily timetable is included at the end of this letter.

We will continue to have an increased level of cleaning during the school day and hand sanitiser will be available in each classroom and learning space. We will continue to have at least one high-level window open in each learning space and we await the arrangements for air pollution/CO2 monitors in classrooms. The wearing of **face coverings** is not mandatory at this stage but if pupils and students feel more comfortable wearing a face covering whilst in school, we will allow them to do so – we ask that parents/carers contact their child's respective year team to let them know.

The following information is to confirm the arrangements sent to you in my letter of 20 July 2021:

From Tuesday 7 September 2021

Pupils/students will return to school following the schedule below:

Day and date	Year group to be tested Morning session	Year group to be tested Afternoon session		Year group to be tested After 3.00pm session
Monday 6 September				
Tuesday 7 September	Year 7	Year 7	Sixth Form	Sixth Form
Wednesday 8 September	Year 10	Year 11		
Thursday 9 September	Year 8	Year 9		
Friday 10 September	Year 7	Year 7	Sixth Form	Sixth Form
Monday 13 September	Year 10	Year 11		
Tuesday 14 September 2021	Year 8	Year 9		
Wednesday 15 September 2021	Testing by small groups not tested in the schedule above			



The return to school will be on the following basis:

Tuesday 7 September 2021

Year 7 are to be in school from 9.00am and will go straight to their assigned Form class which will be based in the Humanities Faculty of the school. Those children for whom we have consent, will be escorted from their Form class to the ATS, where they will either administer themselves or have a trained Test Assistant administer a Lateral Flow Device Test. Pupils will remain with their Form class until all tests are complete and results known. There will be a range of activities taking place within Form rooms during this time covering aspects such as Safe journey, Happy at school, quizzes, a tour and self-organisation – break and lunch is included

Year 12 and Year 13 will arrive in school in the afternoon and have their first Lateral Flow Device Test

Wednesday 8 September 2021

Year 7 will have lessons with registration at 8.50am

Year 10 are to be in school from 8.50am and will go straight to their assigned Form class which will be based in the Science Faculty of the school. Those children for whom we have consent, will be escorted from their Form class to the ATS, where they will either administer themselves or have a trained Test Assistant administer a Lateral Flow Device Test. Pupils will remain with their Form class until all tests are complete and results known. There will be a range of activities taking place within Form rooms during this time, including self-organisation. The intention is for Year 10 to return to their timetabled lessons as soon as all Lateral Flow Device Tests have been complete, and results known

Year 11 are to be in school from 12.50pm and will go straight to their assigned Form class which will be based in either the MFL or CBEM Faculty of the school. Those children for whom we have consent, will be escorted from their Form class to the ATS, where they will either administer themselves or have a trained Test Assistant administer a Lateral Flow Device Test. Pupils will remain with their Form class until all tests are complete and results known. There will be a range of activities taking place within Form rooms during this time, including self-organisation.

Years 12 and 13 will follow a separate induction and tutor programme

Thursday 9 September 2021

Years 7, 10 and 11 will have timetabled lessons starting with registration at 8.50am.

Year 8 are to be in school from 8.50am and will go straight to their assigned Form class which will be based in the English Faculty of the school. Those children for whom we have consent, will be escorted from their Form class to the ATS, where they will either administer themselves or have a trained Test Assistant administer a Lateral Flow Device Test. Pupils will remain with their Form class until all tests are complete and results known. There will be a range of activities taking place within Form rooms during this time, including self-organisation. The intention is for Year 8 to return to their timetabled lessons as soon as all Lateral Flow Device Tests have been complete, and results known

Year 9 are to be in school from 12.50pm and will go straight to their assigned Form class which will be based in the Maths Faculty of the school. Those children for whom we have consent, will be escorted from their Form class to the ATS, where they will either administer themselves or have a trained Test Assistant administer a Lateral Flow Device Test. Pupils will remain with their Form class until all tests are complete and results known. There will be a range of activities taking place within Form rooms during this time, including self-organisation.

Year 12 will have an Independent Learning Workshop 9.00am to 1.00pm

Year 13 will have timetabled lessons

Friday 10 September 2021

All year groups will have timetabled lessons. The schedule shows that pupils/students will have a second Lateral Flow Device Test which will be administered through teaching groups over the course of either a morning or afternoon.

Return to school

I appreciate that during the summer break and especially as lockdown restrictions have eased, several pupils and students will have taken the opportunity to change their hair colour or have their hair cut or had facial piercings to reflect a particular fashion or sub-culture. However, I wish to remind parents/carers and especially our pupils and students that we have expectations of all of those who are a member of our school community and these expectations include **school uniform and appearance**. The details of our expectations are in the pupil planner, parent planner and published on our school website so I wish to give a reminder, as examples, that the following are not allowed - extreme hairstyles, hair colours, false acrylic nails and facial piercings are not what pupils and students as members of Titus salt School Community should wear.

If any parent/carer is having difficulty with school uniform, please can you contact your child's respective year team in the first instance or email school on enquiries@titussaltschool.co.uk.

The **use of mobile phones in school** has been on the increase especially during periods of national lockdown when school remained open for vulnerable and children of key workers. As you may be aware, Gavin Williamson, Education Secretary is considering proposals for mobile phones in school. We will provide detailed guidelines in September but for now, we wish to give another reminder that mobile phones should be switched off and out of sight otherwise they will be confiscated for the day followed by further sanctions.

Results Days

Our Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 Results Days once again became days of celebration; we were delighted to have so many happy pupils and students, proud parents, carers and members of staff celebrating the success of their outcomes. Through their resilience, commitment and hard work, 67% of our KS4 pupils attained grades 9 to 4 in five subjects, with 65% including English and Maths and 25% attaining grades 9 to 4 in the E Bacc suite of subjects. As always, there were some stunning individual performances and we are proud of all our pupils in achieving success; it is rewarding to see and experience the sense of achievement having worked so hard especially during such challenging times.

The KS5 results of students in our Denys Salt Sixth Form Centre once again saw an increase in average grades: at A Level the average grade is B-; at Applied General the average grade is Distinction and at T Level the average grade is Distinction+. At A Level 60% of grades were awarded at A* to B with very strong performance in STEM subjects; at Applied General it was 35% and in Technical Level it was 42%. Again, there were some stunning individual performances with all learners progressing to training, employment, Further education and university including Oxford. Fantastic achievements by all during challenging times.

School refurbishment

As part of our school improvement planning, proposals were made last term to the School Governing Body to increase the provision in our Denys Salt Sixth Form Centre to create a dedicated teaching and learning provision. We pride ourselves in having a learning environment to suit small group and individualised learning plans as well as specialist teaching facilities for larger Sixth Form classes. The proposals were approved and over this summer period we have refurbished part of our Learning Resource Centre to create an additional three teaching rooms dedicated to teaching Sixth Form classes, a mentor and meeting room plus a large independent study space and lending library in addition to the existing teaching rooms and Sixth Form Common Room, private study rooms and offices within our Denys Salt Sixth Form Centre. We want to continue to provide personalised high-quality learning for pupils and students from Year 7 to Year 13. We hope our students will be pleased with their new facilities.

If there are any further changes or we receive different information I will write again before the start of term. Once again, I wish to thank all of our members of staff for their continued commitment and hard work, our pupils/students for their continued focus and their ability to adapt and take everything

in their stride and to all our parents/carers for your continued support and understanding – it is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Morrel', written in a cursive style.

Ian Morrel

Headteacher



Timetable with effect from 7th September 2021

	School site open with access to Café Beans	Form Time Start	P1 60 minutes			P2 80 minutes in total 60 minute lesson plus 20 minutes break			P3 60 minutes			P4 90 minutes in total 60 minute lesson plus 30 minutes lunch			P5 60 minutes	Staggered dismissal
			9.05 – 10.05	10.05 – 10.25		11.05 – 11.25	11.25 – 12.25	12.25 – 12.55	Common lesson time	13.25 – 13.55	13.55 – (14.55/15.00/15.05)					
Y7	8.00	8.50	Lesson	Break (C)	Lesson			Lesson	Lunch (C)	Lesson			Lesson		14.55	
Y8	8.00	8.50	Lesson	Break (C)	Lesson			Lesson	Lunch (C)	Lesson			Lesson		14.55	
Y9	8.00	8.50	Lesson		Lesson	Break (C)		Lesson	Lesson	Lunch (C)			Lesson		15.00	
Y10	8.00	8.50	Lesson	Break (B)	Lesson			Lesson	Lunch (B)	Lesson			Lesson		15.00	
Y 11	8.00	8.50	Lesson		Lesson	Break (C)		Lesson	Lesson	Lunch (C)			Lesson		15.05	
Y12 & 13	8.00	8.50	Lesson		Lesson	Break (B)		Lesson	Lesson	Lunch (B)			Lesson		15.05	

C = Inside eating area is Café Cosmopolitan. B = Inside eating area is Café Beans