

12 July 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to thank each of you for the exceptional way you and your child/ren have managed in the face of adversity throughout the pandemic and I hope that you will all be able to have a restful summer holiday soon.

We are pleased that the level of COVID-19 circulating in the wider population has decreased sufficiently to allow the government to ease lockdown restrictions on 19th July. Throughout the summer period, our premises, health and safety and leadership team will continue to monitor the government and local authority guidance closely so that we are appropriately prepared to welcome back your child/ren in September.

We expect that there will be some additional covid-19 related updates from the government in August therefore, as you can imagine, there remains a degree of uncertainty about what the start of term will look like for our students and there will be a lot of information for us to share with your child.

To allow us to welcome each student in to the academy in September, we have arranged a staggered induction session for each year group on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th September (illustrated below).

Schools have also been asked to supervise two on-site Covid (Lateral Flow) tests at the start of term. We want to do this as quickly and effectively as possible within a week so that school can start uninterrupted by Monday 13th September.

Students in Year 7-11 will complete their first of two 'return to school' lateral flow tests (LFT) during their Induction Session. The second LFT will then take place during the school day on either the Thursday 9th or Friday 10th (3 days after their first LFT). An LFT consent form will be sent to you during the summer holiday period for you to complete, prior to your child participating in their LFTs.

| Date (Sept) | Lower School | | | | |
|--------------------------|--|---|--------|--------|--------|
| | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 |
| Thursday 2 nd | INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS | | | | |
| Friday 3 rd | INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS | | | | |
| Monday 6 th | Transition start: please refer to separate timetable | All students in school following the normal school day timings (0830 – 1500) AM Gates Open: 0820-0830PM Gates Open: 1500 | | | |
| Tuesday 7 th | | | | | |

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| | Middle School | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--------|--------|----------------------------------|
| Date (Sept) | Year 5 | Year 6 | Year 7 | Year 8 |
| Thursday 2 nd | INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS | | | |
| Friday 3 rd | INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS | | | |
| Monday 6 th | All students in school following the normal school day timings (0835 – 1510) AM Gates Open: 0820-0835 PM Gates Open: 1510 | | | Students not in school today |
| Tuesday 7 th | | | | Induction Session 0900 – 1050 |

| | Upper School | | |
|--------------------------|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Date (Sept) | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
| Thursday 2 nd | INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS | | |
| Friday 3 rd | INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS | | |
| Monday 6 th | Induction Session 0850 – 1110 | Students not in school today | Induction Session 1300 - 1510 |
| Tuesday 7 th | Students not in school today | Induction Session 1300 - 1510 | Students not in school today |

The following pages of this letter outline our headline operational information for the start of term. An update letter will be sent during the summer holiday however I wanted to share with you some key information so that you can begin to have preparatory conversations with your child at home.

Our academy will be open for Staff Training on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September therefore if you have any further questions prior to the start of term please email koa.office@clf.uk or call 01179 927127 and our administration team will endeavour to respond to your enquiry within 24hours.

Thank you for reading this letter. Although the academy will look and feel quite different, our staff are prepared and looking forward to welcoming your child into King's Oak in September. I hope that this letter provides you with an assurance that we will continue to do our utmost to ensure that all students start the new academic year safely so that they can receive their usual broad and balanced curriculum, as well as accessing any extra support they might need.

Kind regards



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