



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we look towards the start of the academic year, following the most recent announcements from the government, we are planning for life to be much more normal in September and are setting up school expecting our students to be able to mix normally, have a break and lunch outside classrooms and move around the school building.

We are being asked to plan to test all consenting students before they return to the classroom in September, and the current guidance is that all consenting students must have two lateral flow tests upon their return. Students who have already consented will not have to resubmit their consent. In anticipation of this, please can we ask parents of new Year 7 students to complete our consent form. On the day of the tests highlighted in yellow below, your child does not need to wear school uniform and will only be on site for their test. At all other times, your child must be in full school uniform and we are pleased to be able to return to our traditional uniform (please see the appendices sent out shortly for the uniform policy). Any families who have not consented for their child to be tested should send their child in on the 6th September for the first day of face-to-face lessons.

Provisionally we are planning the following, but should there be any changes, we will be in touch:

	AM	PM
2nd September	Year 10 come in for their first test ONLY and then leave	Year 11 come in for their first test ONLY and then leave
3rd September	Year 7 come in for their first test then stay for Transition Day	Year 8 come in for their first test ONLY then leave
6th September	Year 10 have their second test and stay in school	Year 11 have their second test and stay in school
7th September	Year 7 have their second test and stay in school	Year 8 have their second test and stay in school
8th September	Year 9 have their first test and stay in school	
13th September	Year 9 have their second test and stay in school	

I cannot stress strongly enough that this plan may change in light of ever-changing guidance from the government. We are bringing our new Year 7 students back a day earlier to ensure they have a day where they are the only students on site, in light of them not having a traditional Transition day. This will give our new Year 7s the chance to have an orientation day, including time to tour the school and to get to know their form tutors and classroom teachers.

As you are all aware, the requirements to wear a face covering and remain socially distant will cease as of 19th July, which means that from September, masks for staff and our students will be optional. However, we are happy for people to wear masks if it makes them feel more comfortable. We will continue to keep rooms well ventilated, with windows and doors open during lesson times and will continue, as ever, to be informed by local guidance and government advice in relation to Covid-19 case rates.

Please also note that from 16th August, double vaccinated adults and children under the age of 18 will no longer be required to isolate as a contact with a positive Covid case. It is recommended that you have a PCR test if you are contacted by NHS Track and Trace. School will no longer have on-site testing as all testing should be done at home and you are not required to report any results to us unless your child is absent through testing positive for Covid, so that we might mark them correctly on the register (as per our usual absence reporting procedures).



I will be shortly sending out a number of additional documents, with information about our uniform, where to get it from, entrances for next year, timings for the school day, a reminder of our behaviour policy as well as other additional information.

I am grateful for the unwavering support in light of the difficult year we have all had and I appreciate your co-operation and understanding of the lack of control we have had in relation to a number of Covid-related factors. If you have any questions regarding our start back in September, please contact enquiries@burnleyhigh.com and we will endeavour to be in touch as soon as possible.

Have a lovely, restful summer break

Mrs Starkey

Headteacher

