

Gartree High School

Ridgeway, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 5TQ



9th July 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday I am writing to inform you of the changes this will mean in school and for your child in line with the updated operational guidance for schools.

There are control measures that we will continue to implement:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

'Bubbles' are no longer recommended, this will allow us flexibility with our groupings in the curriculum and socially. We will also be able to conduct assemblies in the usual way and commence our enrichment programme.

From August 16th, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. However, pupils should receive 2 on-site lateral flow device tests, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return in the autumn term.

To make this possible we will stagger the return of students:

Wednesday 25th August – Year 7

Thursday 26th August – Year 11

Friday 27th August – Year 10

Tuesday 31st August – Year 8 and Year 9

Please note the change to your child's return date. This is a change to the planned return date for all but Year 7 pupils. Pupils should then continue to test twice weekly at home until the end of September when we will have further guidance.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Singleton'.

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