

Welcome Back Year 8

We are really looking forward to welcoming you back into school. The building has been too quiet without you!

We want you to feel good about coming into school and we want you to know that it is perfectly safe for you to be here. Some changes have been made to keep you safe and this information sheet gives details of what your school day will look like. Your form tutor will go through the details with you on the first day of term.

It is really important that you help to keep yourself, your family and the staff as safe as possible by following these new rules.

The school day times in this information sheet are for your year group ONLY. Your parents will have received a separate sheet for any brothers or sisters you may have in other year groups.

First Day Back

Your first day of school will be Thursday, 3rd September. For the first two days of term, we will have a special timetable in place so that we can talk to you in your year group. For the first two days of term ONLY, you are asked to arrive in school at 9.00am and your day will finish at 2.45pm. When you arrive, you will be going straight to your form rooms.

Your Timetable from Monday, 7th September

- You will be expected to arrive in school by **8.30** each morning and will begin the day, as usual, in form period.
- You will have your break after lesson 1, at **9.55**. Break will be for 20 minutes, as usual.
- You will start your lunch at **12.15**.
- Your teachers will release you from some lessons before the bell, so that you can get to your next class safely.
- Your day will finish at **2.50pm except on Monday Week B**. This is usually a 2.00pm finish but will be 1.55 for Year 8 until further notice.
- Your timetable will look like this:

Form time	Lesson 1	Break	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lunch	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
8:30-9:00	9:00-9:55	9:55-10:15	10:15-11:15	11:15-12:15	12:15-1:00	1:00-2:00	2:00-2.50
	Subject		Subject	Subject		Subject	Subject
Monday Week B							
8:30-9:00	9:00-9:55	9:55-10:15	10:15-11:15	11:15-12:15	12:15-1:00	1:00-1.55	
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Breaks and Lunchtime

- Your year group has been given a space for breaks and lunchtime and you **MUST** stick to that area. Your form tutor will show you where your area is on your first day back.
- At lunchtime, you will be given a time and place to queue for the canteen or to eat your packed lunch in the canteen.
- The toilets next to the main canteen have been allocated to Year 8 and you should **ONLY** use these toilets.

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Moving Around School

- You need to **stick with students from your own year group** at all times. This is to keep you and other students safe.
- Some corridors will be closed and it is safer for you to walk between lessons outside the building.
- At the end of each lesson, it is important that you go straight to your next lesson or to the area you have been given for breaks. This will help to keep you apart from other year groups.

Keeping You Safe

- You will be encouraged to **wash or sanitise your hands regularly**. Hand sanitiser will be available at every entrance to school and in every classroom. Get into the habit of sanitising your hands each time you enter the building.
- We also encourage you to bring your own hand sanitiser so that you can use it whenever you wish.
- If you use equipment such as computers, you will need to wipe them down at the start and at the end of the lesson. The wipes you need to use will be there for you to use.

Lessons

Your lessons won't be quite the same and you will notice some difference in your classrooms. You will notice that:

- Classroom doors will always be left open so that you don't have to touch the door handles.
- Your teacher will have a screen on their desk and they will be staying 2 metres away from you. Some teachers will be wearing plastic visors. This doesn't mean they are not happy to see you, but it is important for them to stay safe as well as protecting you and your family.
- You won't be able to borrow equipment such as pens and pencils – it's even more important that you remember your equipment.
- Your teacher won't be taking home your books. You will still get lots of feedback and any work that the teacher needs to mark will be on computer or on paper.
- In some practical lessons, like PE and Music, you won't be able to do all the things that you are used to doing. Your teachers will guide you and will find lots of other things for you to do so your learning won't be affected.

Remember that we are Freddie's!

- Our expectations of you haven't changed and we will expect the highest standards of behaviour and appearance as always.
- There will be plenty of help available for any of you who are nervous about coming back into school.
- The start of term is a FRESH START. Don't worry about getting into trouble if you haven't kept up with the work that has been set. We will concentrate on getting you back up to date and giving you all the help that you need.

We look forward to seeing you soon!