



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Examination Results and Return to School

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to update you on our plans to continue to operate safely on our return to school in September and with some reminders about practical arrangements between now and then.

The Department for Education have now issued updated coronavirus guidance to schools. Over the summer there will be no requirement for students to test using lateral flow devices. From July 19 schools are no longer responsible for contact tracing and this role will be carried out directly by NHS Test and Trace. From 16 August there will no longer be requirement for close contacts to self-isolate. Instead, only those with a confirmed positive PCR test will be required to isolate.

When students return to school during the week commencing 6 September, we will be delivering a testing programme for students without coronavirus symptoms using COVID-19 lateral flow tests as we did in March. In line with national guidance, we will test students twice as they return to school. After this, students will once again be issued with home testing kits so that they can complete lateral flow tests twice weekly at home.

The first on-site test will take place on the first day students return to school. On their first day in school students will remain with their year group and will be supervised to complete work set by their teachers. The second test will take place during lesson time over the following week. Students will return to school from the date set out below.

Monday 6 September	Year 11 and Year 13
Tuesday 7 September	Year 10 and Year 12
Wednesday 8 September	Year 9 and Year 8
Thursday 9 September	Year 7

If you have already provided **permission for the school to administer these tests** during this academic year, there is no need for you to do so again. If you have not provided permission and wish to do so please log on to [ParentPay](#) and access the Covid consent item on Parentpay.

During the first two weeks of term while the testing centre, based in our Refectory, is in operation students will continue to eat a packed lunch in their form bases or the pre-order system can be used to order hot and cold lunches. A link to the system can be found below:

<https://bit.ly/3eyLZX3>

If you would like to use the pre-order lunch system and have not already activated your account, please e-mail info@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk

From Monday 6 September, students will no longer have to remain in year group 'bubbles' and will move around the school to lessons in specialist faculty teaching areas. Given the current high prevalence of covid nationally and in our local area we will continue to take a range of precautions to ensure the safety of students and staff as part of our coronavirus risk assessment. We will continue to operate our existing systems to manage movement around the school site. Signage and staff guidance will continue to emphasise the importance of hand sanitising regularly throughout the day. Teachers and the site team will ensure that there is good ventilation with windows and doors left open for inside spaces. Enhanced cleaning provision will continue.

From September we will continue to operate a staggered start and end of day. Form tutors will be available in form rooms from 8.40 each day. Students arriving by school bus will be supervised by senior and pastoral staff on arrival. For students who do not use the school buses the staggered start times are as follows: VI Form should arrive at school for 8.40, Year 10 and 11 for 8.50 and Years 7-9 for 9.00. At the end of the day, VI Form will leave at 3.30, Year 10 and 11 at 3.35 and Years 7, 8 and 9 at 3.40.

Examination Results and Book Return

10 August: A Level Results Day

Exam results may be collected in person or we can issue them via email. Guidance staff will be available in school from 8.00 am to help and to advise students. Please bring with you any textbooks that need to be returned to school and if you will not be collecting results then you can return your books dropping them off at Reception before the start of term.

Year 13	8.30 -10.30	Main Hall: 13B & 13P	Sports Hall: 13G & 13H	Theatre: 13N &13C	R2: 13J & 13S
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12 August: GCSE Results Day

Year 11	8.30 -10.30	Main Hall: 11B & 11C	Sports Hall: 11A, 11J & 11M	Theatre: 11N & 11R & 11S	R2: 11W & 11L & 11E
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Examination Results – Appeals

Information and the necessary forms to support an examination results appeal can be located on the website in the School Information section or by contacting exams@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk

Uniform and equipment

We expect students to be in full school uniform. Information about our uniform and equipment list, including the VI Form has been issued and is available on the school website. If you have any specific enquiries regarding uniform, please contact Mrs Owen-Moore (Head of Lower School) or Mr Carnwell (Head of Sixth Form). At the start of the autumn term, as has been the case this year, students should wear their PE kit to school on days when they have PE.

Sharing of equipment requires careful management by subject staff and so, to keep this to a minimum, it is important that students come to school fully equipped. Students should stock their pencil case with pens, pencils, eraser, ruler, protractor, compass, glue stick, scientific calculator, pocket dictionary and highlighters.

End of Term

In line with the information in your Parent Calendar we will be breaking up for summer at 2.40pm on Tuesday 20 July 2021. Any students wishing to remain at school and wait to be picked up by parents or carers will be supervised until 3.40.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Ecclesbourne community a happy and healthy summer. Please do stay safe and continue to follow public health advice. In the meantime, school is staffed over the summer period and so if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us as usual.

Yours sincerely



James McNamara

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