Kemnal Technology College

20 July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers of Y7 Students

TRANSITION DAYS: CHANGE OF DATE AND FURTHER INFORMATION

I write to update you on the changes for the beginning of September following the latest announcement by the government with regard to students returning to school.

You may be aware that the government's latest advice is that all Y7 students will be required to have 2 Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) before they commence school. Therefore, set out below is how the College will look to undertake this task as well as information for our Y7 Induction Day.

In order for us to ensure that we are all safe and well, I strongly encourage that you give your consent for your child to have a LFT. You will shortly receive an email with a link that will allow you to give consent for the 2 x LFT, give consent for the biometric scanning (finger scanning for lunch payments) and finally, permission for your child to leave site by themselves and make their own way home.

Please note that only those that have given consent can be tested. For those parents that do not want their child tested please can you stipulate that on the form as other sections need your consent ie biometric testing.

ONLY THOSE STUDENTS THAT HAVE GIVEN CONSENT FOR LFT NEED TO ATTEND SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER AND MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER
THOSE WHO DO NOT WANT THEIR CHILD TESTED SHOULD ATTEND SCHOOL ON
TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER FOR INDUCTION DAY

Wednesday 1 September 2021

The first LFT test will take place on the school site

What time should I arrive?

Year 7 students should attend within their 1 hour allocated slot based on the first letter of their surname.

10.00 - 11.00 - Surnames A-D
11.30 - 12.30 - Surnames E-M
13.00 - 14.00 - Surnames N-Z

Who should attend?

Parents/Carers can drop their child off to come into the school for testing but due to limited parking and safeguarding parents/carers cannot come into the school building.

What should students wear?

Students should wear their uniform.

Where should I go?

Students are to come into the main front office at the front of the building where members of staff will direct and guide them where to go.

What can I expect?

Staff at reception will sign you in and check we have all of your up-to-date paperwork.
You will go into our main hall to take the LFT.

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A swab is used to take sample from either your throat or nose.
The sample is then tested for the COVID-19 virus.
After the swab is taken, you will be given any further instructions you might need.
You will then be taken to have your fingerprint put onto our biometric payment system. This allows you to pay for your lunch without having to carry money.
You may then return home.
The school will contact you if your LFT is positive and ask you to book in for a PCR at your local testing centre.

Monday 6 September 2021

The second LFT will take place on the school site
Please follow the same plan as Wednesday 1 September 2021, namely students are to come in at their allocated times, take the LFT and then leave the school site.

Tuesday 7 September 2021

Induction Day
Students should arrive and enter the school through the main gates on Sevenoaks Way for **8.30am**.
Parents/carers are asked to say their goodbyes at the main gate and members of staff will greet students and show them where to go.
Students will then go into the Alan Youngman Auditorium for their first Year 7 Assembly.
They will then be introduced to their Form Tutor, shown to their Form rooms and have the opportunity to get to know their form group. Timetables will also be distributed.
Students will then undertake a tour of the school.
During break and lunchtime, students will have the opportunity to use the canteen and the Year 7 Common room. Students are welcome to bring a packed lunch and/or purchase food from the canteen.
Students will have "taster lessons", including PE, so please remember to pack your kit as well as your pencil case and reading book.
Students will be dismissed at **2.30pm** via the main reception gate.

Wednesday 8 September 2021

Your First Full Day
Students should arrive at **8.30am** and line up outside their Form room for 8.35am registration.
Form Tutors will go through the timetable so your child is aware of their lessons.
Students will be taken to lessons.
Students will be dismissed at **2.45pm**.

We hope this information gives you some clarity to the first few days.

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to email Ms Gold, Y7 Transition Director at agold@ktc-tkat.org or myself at bherbert@ktc-tkat.org.

Please be assured that all information will be uploaded to the website for your reference.

Yours faithfully

Ms B Herbert
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