

September 2, 2021

Dear parent/carer

I hope that this e-mail finds you well and that you have been able to enjoy the summer with your families.

We look forward to welcoming your son/daughter to school - or back to school. Term will start as follows

- Monday, September 6 for new Year 10 and 12 students
- Tuesday, September 7 for Year 11 and 13 students.

Students should arrive for a 0900 start.

COVID-19 Risk Management

The latest Department for Education COVID-19 Operational Guidance significantly reduces the mitigation in place for schools. There is now no longer a requirement for face coverings (in most cases), class bubbles or self-isolation. However, a regularly reviewed risk assessment remains in place and enhanced safety measures may be re-introduced dependent on the number of national and local COVID cases.

We will, however, be adopting the following safety measures:

- To ensure safety for all, we would suggest that all students carry out a lateral flow test this weekend to ensure that they are COVID-negative before entry to the school
- We will carry out two on-site Lateral Flow tests for consenting students in the first few days of term as per government guidance
- Students will be advised to wear face coverings until the first on-site has been completed
- Thereafter, twice weekly home Lateral Flow testing, for consenting students, will apply until the end of September
- Sanitiser will be available for students as they enter the school at Reception
- The one-way system will be retained on the Forum stairs only
- Enhanced cleaning throughout the day will apply
- Face coverings are to be carried and worn on buses (public and school) and in cases where social distancing is problematic

Consent for Testing

If you have previously given consent for testing, you do not need to provide consent again. However, if your son/daughter is new to the school, then you (or your child) will need to give consent.

For students who are aged 15 or less, consent must be given by parents/carers (All of Year 10 and most of Year 11)

For students who are aged 16 or over, consent can be given by the young person (Year 12 and 13)

Therefore, please can you complete the consent form here <http://bit.ly/lfconsent> prior to your son/daughter returning to school or ask your son/daughter to complete it if they are aged 16 or over. Students are under no pressure to test and this is a decision for you and your family, however, the efficacy of the testing programme is dependent on participation by as many students as possible. If you wish to withdraw your existing consent, please email office@utcn.org.uk

Lockers, pencil cases and English texts

For students new to UTCN, who have paid for a locker, keys will be issued on Monday, September 6.

Any outstanding orders for pencil cases and English Texts will be available to collect from reception.

Buses

The updated bus timetable is now available on the [school website](#).

Please note that the through bus from Gorleston to UTCN will not stop at the St Stephens bus stop for the next 10 weeks due to roadworks on Surrey Street but will leave the bus station, Stand E at 0815 to continue its journey to UTCN. All other buses will depart from the usual stops as per the website.

PE Kit

Year 10 students do not need their PE kit in school for Monday September 6 - they may of course bring it in to store in their locker.

After-School Activities

After-school activities for Year 10 and Intervention for Year 11 will start on September 13 and will not run in the first week of term.

Kind regards

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