

Lowton Church of England High School



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Dear parents and carers

Weekly letter.

It has been a challenging week for us and many schools in dealing with a number of positive COVID cases and having to ask 'bubbles' to isolate. Thank you for your understanding and support when we have to respond to these situations very rapidly. Further down this letter you will see information relating to changes from September.

Non uniform day fundraising (Friday 16 July).

Next Friday, we are asking all students and staff to participate in a non-uniform day to raise money for Wigan and Leigh Hospice. The hospice has supported many families within our local and school community. They are currently running at a loss of £2,192 a day and we would like to show our support for the immensely important work they do to care for people in our local community.

We are asking students who would like to participate to donate a minimum of £2 each. This can be done online using Scopay. The deadline for online payments is Wednesday 14th July. If students are handing cash in they need to do so via their form tutor. The deadline for cash is Thursday 16th July.

Year groups will be holding other activities during the day on Friday so you may wish to send your child to school with some extra change to participate in these events. Thank you in advance for your support.

If your child is isolating or you as a parent would simply like to donate to help reach our target please donate whatever you can through one of the two methods above. It would be amazing if we could bless them with a total gift of £2,192 that equates to the financial gap they have just in one day.

Key dates

- Year 10 'ready for next year' webinar for all Year 10 students and parents: **Monday 12 July at 5.00pm.**
Register in advance for this webinar:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_p-wqKpeJQXqBrWNjaTnktA
- Year 9 'ready for next year' webinar for all Year 9 students and parents: **Monday 12 July at 5.45pm.**
Register in advance for this webinar:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_x_IPSFUdSr-jZvtlWo5eAQ
- Year 8 end of year celebration webinar: **Tuesday 13 July at 6.00pm.**
Register in advance for this webinar:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4TbYpu-JR7-Api2sr35YMQ
- Year 7 end of year celebration webinar: **Thursday 15 July at 6.00pm.**
Register in advance for this webinar:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LS5R80lFTI2DwiUMEHXQZA

[After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.](#)

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The year group Sports Days that should have been taking place during the past week have been rearranged as follows:

- Year 10 Sports Day: Wednesday 14 July.
- Year 9 Sports Day: Thursday 15 July.
- Year 8 Sports Day: Thursday 15 July.
- Year 7 Sports Day: Wednesday 14 July.

The last day of this term is Tuesday 20 July when school finishes at 12.35pm.

The last page of this letter outlines the arrangements for form groups for September.

Changes to dealing with COVID-19 from September.

You will have heard some significant changes announced this week by the Prime Minister and the Education Secretary.

From September contacts of a positive case will no longer be required to isolate. This does not affect our arrangements up to the end of this summer term. This means that from September if there is a positive case in school we will no longer have to complete contact tracing in school and we will no longer be sending 'bubbles' home if your child was a close contact of a positive case. Any child with symptoms would still book a PCR test as they should now.

Twice weekly lateral flow testing will continue until the end of September in the first instance and will then be reviewed by the Government.

In school, a number of the procedures we brought in to support our own safety during the pandemic have worked well to set the right culture and behaviour expectations and so we will continue with them in school. For instance, we will continue with:

- Specified year group zones.
- Split lunch times.
- Specified canteens for year groups.
- Handwashing at the start and end of the day.
- Hand sanitisation at the start of lessons.
- Line ups outside before the start of lessons.
- Years 7 and 8 will come through the car park entrance
- Years 9, 10 and 11 will come through the main gate on Newton Road.

Students are expected to wear a mask in lessons until the end of this term, but from September, face coverings will no longer be a requirement. This will be kept under review at a local (Wigan) and national level.

From September, there will no longer be a staggered end to the day. The school day will end at 2.50pm for all students.

Start of autumn term (September 2021) arrangements and testing.

To start the new school year we will be required to test all students twice in the first few days where we have consent. The Government allows us to stagger the start of term to ensure this testing can be done and so we will do the following:

Year Group	First day of term
New Year 7	Monday 6 September 8.30am
New Year 8 (current Year 7)	Thursday 9 September 8.30am
New Year 9 (current Year 8)	Tuesday 7 September 8.30am
New Year 10 (current Year 9)	Wednesday 8 September 8.30am
New Year 11 (current Year 10)	Monday 6 September 10.45am

We will be holding two-day special induction for our new Year7s (those currently finishing primary school) on Tuesday 31 August and Wednesday 1 September.

Summer holidays testing and reporting test outcomes.

Over the summer period, please continue to complete lateral flow tests on Sundays and Wednesdays. You will not need to report your test results to school but you should continue to report them to the NHS.

Thank you for your continue understanding and support through all that we have collectively had to cope with.

Yours faithfully,

Kieran Larkin
Headteacher

Please see the last page of this letter which outlines the arrangements for form groups for September.

Form tutors from September 2021

YEAR 7		Head of Year: Mrs K Roberts		SLT LINK: Miss H Clare	
Form	Room	Staff initials	Staff Name		
7.1	H1	IFF	Mrs Ferreira		
7.2	H2	RB	Mr Billington		
7.3	H3	LME	Mr Merrick		
7.4	H7	GR	Mr Reilly		
7.5	H5	SOB	Miss O'Dea-Baxter		
7.6	H6	GPK	Miss Picton		

YEAR 8		Head of Year: Miss H Green		SLT LINK: Mrs L Cooper	
Form	Previous form name	Room	Staff initials	Staff Name	
8.1	7C1	G2	JRR	Mr Rimmington	
8.2	7C2	L6	JBO	Mr Bolton	
8.3	7E	C drama	EBE	Ms Benson	
8.4	7O1	G8	AMM	Mr McGuinness	
8.5	7O2	J3	AOB	Mrs O'Brien	
8.6	7W	B7	AFZ	Miss Fazakerley	

YEAR 9		Head of Year: Mr I Hayes		SLT LINK: Mr P Carter	
Form	Previous form name	Room	Staff initials	Staff Name	
9.1	8C	F1	JMM	Mrs Mellor	
9.2	8E1	E3	GLS	Mrs Sutherland	
9.3	8E2	E6	CMY	Mr Mooney	
9.4	8O	L8	HL	Mrs Larkin	
9.5	8W1	J4	AEC (Friday RLC)	Mrs Critchley (Friday = Mrs Cunliffe)	
9.6	8W2	G4	ER	Mrs Reynolds	

YEAR 10		Head of Year: Miss N Gebelli		SLT LINK: Mrs G Rullo	
Form	Previous form name	Room	Staff initials	Staff Name	
10.1	9C1	K1	CFR and SI *shared form	Mr Fry Mrs Ibbotson	
10.2	9C2	L5	BS	Miss Singleton	
10.3	9E	A4	SJL	Mr Lyall	
10.4	9O1	G5	KIR	Miss Robb	
10.5	9O2	D1	GH	Miss Higson	
10.6	9W	E5	MTW	Mr Wilson	

YEAR 11		Head of Year: Ms C Busek		SLT LINK: Ms E Sheehan	
Form	Previous form name	Room	Staff initials	Staff Name	
11.1	10C	L7	LCF	Mrs Foulds	
11.2	10E1	J5	JTG	Mr Graham	
11.3	10E2	B5	DSH	Mr Shingler	
11.4	10O	G3	SJS	Mr Sutherland	
11.5	10W1	G9	JPY	Miss Pye	
11.6	10W2	F2	KLT	Mrs Thorpe	