



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Headteacher – Ms E Ellis BA, MA

Tuesday 20th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to update you on the arrangements for the start of the new term in September. In light of the government guidance around testing all students for Covid-19 twice before they return to school, we have made some changes to the way the term will begin. There is no need for new consent from you unless your situation has changed and **you do not wish your child to be tested**, in which case **please contact us**. Parents and carers of new Year 7 students have already been contacted separately as the testing process will be new to them. Please read the timings below and do not hesitate to contact us at admin@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk if you have any questions.

Students should attend school to carry out Covid-19 testing on both days as shown below. The testing centre is the sports hall, and students should arrive at the entrance to the sports centre at the time given for their form group.

Friday 3rd September 2021

Uniform does not need to be worn and students will leave the site as soon as their test is completed. Students will be supported through the test process by experienced Fearnhill staff.

Year 7

8.30am for 7G	9.10am for 7N
8.50am for 7H	9.30am for 7P

Year 8 – between 10.00 - 11.00am

Year 9 – between 11.30am - 12.30pm

Year 10 – between 1.45 – 2.30pm

Year 11 – between 2.30 – 3.15pm

Years 12 and 13

Years 12 and 13 should come to the **coffee shop** to carry out supervised self-testing, then leave the site.

Year 12 – between 8.30-9.45am

Year 13 – between 10.00 – 11.00am

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Monday 6th September 2021

Year 7 students should arrive in full uniform ready for a school day once they have been tested. Other students do not need to wear uniform and, once again, will leave the site once the test has been completed.

Year 7

8.30am for 7G 9.10am for 7N

8.50am for 7H 9.30am for 7P

Year 7 go straight to form rooms after testing, for a full day at school.

Year 12 students should attend for supervised self-testing in the coffee shop at their allocated time between 8.30 and 9.45am, then go to the sixth form common room for a prompt start to induction at 9.50am.

Year 13 should attend for testing between 10.00-11.00am, then leave the site.

Other year groups – timings as for Friday 3rd September. Students leave the site after testing.

Tuesday 7th September 2021

All students in school for 8.30am start, full day.

The school day runs from 8.30am to 3.00pm every day. Please ensure your child arrives punctually and fully equipped.

Staffing changes

I am attaching an introductory letter from Mr Phillips, our new Assistant Headteacher for Student Development and Welfare from September. We are happy to be welcoming other new colleagues from September.

- Mrs Nunneley is taking up the post of Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning.
- Mrs Bennett will be our new Head of the Languages faculty and associate to the senior team
- Ms C Brown will be our new Head of Inclusion
- Mr Cordwell will be our new subject lead for history and second in the humanities faculty
- Ms Meechan will be the new second in maths as Mr Philpot takes on the role of head of department
- We also welcome Miss Cordon as a full time teacher of Spanish, Mr Shepherd as a teacher of PE and science, and Mrs Waller as a part-time teacher of science.

We say goodbye this term to Mr Marsh, Miss Williams and Miss Jennings who are all moving to different parts of the country to take up new challenges. We are also wishing the best of luck to our other Mr Marsh,

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technician in the design and technology department, who is retiring after many years of wonderful service to the school community. We will miss them all and send them our very best wishes.

Hertfordshire County Council have us to share the following update with you ahead of the end of term.

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, we would like to thank you for the efforts and sacrifices you have made to keep your nursery and school communities safe over the past 16 months. As we head into the summer holidays, we'd like to remind you of some of the ways we can all enjoy a safe summer together.

While people will be excited at the prospect of restrictions being lifted on 19 July, others will be fearful or apprehensive. Remember, rules around self-isolation of close contacts for under 18's do not change until 16 August 2021. We all need to be kind to each other as we move into this next phase.

Covid-19 won't end when the rules change, in fact cases are rising and we need to keep being sensible. It's important to recognise that everyone's circumstances are different and what feels comfortable to one person might not feel that way to another. Let's keep looking out for one another and recognise that we're all going to be moving forward at our own pace.

What you can do to keep yourself and others safe

Get vaccinated

Vaccinations are now available for everyone aged over 18 who is eligible, you don't need a GP and often don't even need to book an appointment. Visit <https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/> for local sites and regular pop ups. If you or children have medical conditions, please speak to your GP about your Covid-19 vaccination.

Keep testing

Regular rapid testing, including for those who are vaccinated, for everyone in year 7 and above (tests are not designed for use on children younger than this) can make a big difference, as most people don't know they're infected until they have infected others. You can order or collect free rapid tests locally, visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest for more information. If you have symptoms get a PCR test and self-isolate.

Look out for one another

Give people space, wear face coverings in crowded indoor areas, keep your windows and doors open when you have people round, wash and/or sanitise hands. These measures have kept us safe and will keep us safe still.

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By looking out for one another we can help us keep infections low. There are many people needing healthcare for non Covid-19 reasons who have been waiting for some time. If Covid-19 cases continue to rise, people will have to wait longer for hospital and health care so let's try to stop that by working together. We hope you all enjoy a safe and happy summer!

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I will keep you updated if arrangements need to change in response to the ongoing spread of the virus and its variants; thank you for your patience and support. Do not hesitate to contact us by email on admin@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk during the summer holiday if you have any concerns.

Yours faithfully

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