

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

## BY EMAIL

Dear parents,

We write with some important updates on coming back to school in September. This letter covers:

1. Changes to Covid-19 measures
2. Timings Start and end of the school day
3. Launch of Magic Breakfast
4. Term dates
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### 1. Changes to Covid-19 measures

We are planning on the basis that there will no longer be any significant Covid-19 restrictions for how we organise the school day. **If the local or national situation changes, we will write to you again with amended plans.** Please see below for a summary:

Area	2020-21 covid measures	2021-22 planning
Arrival and Dismissal timings and approach	In Primary, parents line up on the street and children wait on the street in bubbles for arrival and dismissal. In Secondary there was a slightly staggered start and dismissal.	Children will be able to mix as they come into the building and go to their own classrooms like they used to (not lining up in groups on the street at YYS). At dismissal, YYS parents will come onsite to collect their children from a line on the playground (Y1-Y6) or from their classroom (N,R) at the end of the day. In Secondary, pupils will arrive and leave with no staggered timings.
Grouping/ bubbling	Children spend the whole day in one class bubble	Children will mix for key parts of the day e.g. in Primary phonics, spelling groups, reading groups, specialist intervention sessions, in Secondary, Activity, Enrichment, interventions, clubs
	Children only play in their class bubble	Children will go back to playing with their whole year group across the whole playground (not just in one little space)
Lunch	Primary children eat individual packed lunch box in their class bubble in their classroom	Children will go back to eating a hot lunch together with their year group in a hall seated at tables. At YYS, they will choose at the counter, at OYS in years 5-11, pupils will revert to family service lunch.
Toilets	Primary children only use 'bubble' toilet	Children will go back to being able to use all toilets
Handwashing	Children wash their hands frequently throughout the day	Children will continue to wash their hands frequently throughout the school day

Masks	Adults wear masks around the building and in meetings where 2m distance cannot be guaranteed. In Secondary, pupils wore masks in classrooms and corridors.	Adults will no longer be expected to wear masks in the building or observe social distancing. In Secondary, pupils will not wear masks in classrooms or in corridors.
Cleaning	Significant additional cleaning in place throughout the school day for 'high-touch' surfaces	Some additional cleaning remains in place

## 2. Timings for the start and end of the school day

Year group	Arrival time	Arrival location
Nursery (2-3yrs)	8-8.35am	Park Place Villas entrance, drop off directly into Nursery building ( <i>parents invited to join in the classroom and begin the day together</i> )
Nursery (3-4 yrs)	8.20-8.35am	Park Place Villas entrance, drop off directly into Nursery building ( <i>parents invited to join in the classroom and begin the day together</i> )
Reception		Crompton Street entrance, down the steps and into Reception classrooms ( <i>parents invited to join in the classroom and begin the day together</i> )
Year 1 and 2 Year 3 and 4		Crompton Street or Park Place Villas entrance, dropped at the gate and walk into classrooms with staff stationed along the route ( <i>parents leave pupils at gate</i> )
Year 5 and 6	8.10-8.30am	Penfold Street entrance, gate opens at 8.10am, pupils can go into the building from 8.15am ( <i>parents leave pupils at gate</i> )
Years 7-11	8.10-8.20am	Bell Street entrance
Years 12-13	8.10-8.20am	Lisson Street entrance
Breakfast Club	7.45-8.20am	On both Younger Years Site and Older Years Site, by application only.

Year group	Dismissal time	Dismissal location
Nursery (2-3yrs)	3.20-3.30pm*	Park Place Villas entrance, pick up directly from Nursery building
Nursery (3-4 yrs)		Park Place Villas entrance, pick up directly from Nursery building
Reception		Crompton Street entrance, up the steps from the Reception classrooms
Year 1 and 2		Crompton Street or Park Place Villas entrance, lined up outside the dining hall
Year 3 and 4	3.25-3.35pm*	Crompton Street or Park Place Villas entrance, lined up on the lower playground

Year 5 and 6	3.55-4.05pm*	Penfold Street entrance, lined up on Junior School playground Pupils are allowed to walk home alone or be collected by secondary siblings with written permission to Mr. Young from parents and only by agreement.
Years 7-11	4.00pm	Bell Street entrance
Years 12-13	3.00pm	Lisson Street entrance
<i>Mondays*</i>	<i>2.45pm/2.50pm on YYS 2.55 on OYS</i>	<i>All pupils finish early on a Monday so that staff can work together on weekly Professional Development.</i>
After School Club	Until 6pm	On Younger Years Site by application only (pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 will be walked over to YYS)

In Primary and Secondary, we will return to our pre-pandemic behaviour approach, including detentions. In Primary and Secondary, we will return to our pre-pandemic behaviour approach, including with detentions. In Primary, these will happen at for 10 mins at the end of the school day. In Secondary, detentions and homework catchup will revert to being based in year groups/key stages, and so these will return to their normal length, i.e. 4pm-4.30pm and 4.30pm to 5.00pm. This coincides with after school club timings, which run from 4pm to 5pm.

### 3. Launch of Magic Breakfast

From September, we will be launching Magic Breakfast, which aims to make sure no child starts their lessons hungry in the morning. More information about this programme is available [here](#).

All primary pupils will be served a free bagel with butter between 8.20am and 8.35am in their classrooms. All Secondary pupils who would like to, can come early to school between 7.45am and 8.10am to have a free bagel with butter in the new hall. Pupils will enter through the Penfold Street main entrance to access this provision.

### 4. Dates for return to school

Year group	Asymptomatic Testing (Secondary Only)*	Start back in school
Nursery and Reception	n/a	Parents with children in Nursery and Reception have been sent a separate letter.**
<b>Primary 1-6</b>	n/a	<b>6<sup>th</sup> September</b>
Year 7	2 <sup>nd</sup> September	6 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 8	3 <sup>rd</sup> September	8 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 9	3 <sup>rd</sup> September	8 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> September	7 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 11	3 <sup>rd</sup> September	8 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 12	2 <sup>nd</sup> September	6 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 13	3 <sup>rd</sup> September	7 <sup>th</sup> September

\* See below for exact timings of Asymptomatic Testing

**\*\*Parents with children in Nursery and Reception have been sent a separate letter** with a specific start date on it as we are having children begin in small groups to make it easier for everyone to settle in.

## 5. Future term dates

You may also be looking ahead to **booking holidays or trips** to see family at Christmas or even next Spring or Summer. Please use the published term dates [here](#). Children are not allowed to miss school to go abroad apart from in extreme and exceptional circumstances.

## 6. Asymptomatic testing in Secondary

All pupils in Secondary have been given more lateral flow tests this week. It is strongly advised that all pupils continue to test at home twice a week throughout the summer holidays. They should report test results to NHS Track and Trace [NHS LINK HERE](#) but not to the KSA Internal Log. To be able to start the Secondary school year with some confidence that the pupils are free of Covid, we will be following the Department for Education's guidance to administer two in-school lateral flow tests at the start of term.

The first tests:

<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>		<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	
8.30am	Old 6 Birmingham		
9.00am	Old 6 Nottingham		
9.30am	Old 6 Plymouth		
10.00am	10 Durham	10.00am	8 Leeds (was 7 Liverpool)
10.20am	10 Aix	10.20am	8 Bristol (was 7 Oxford)
10.40am	10 Liverpool	10.40am	8 Exeter (was 7 York)
11.00am	12 Donard	11.00am	9 Queen Mary (was 8 RH)
11.20am	12 Nevis	11.20am	9 Duke (was 8 LSE)
11.20am	12 Snowdon	11.20am	9 Leicester (was 8 Bristol)
11.40am	12 Helvellyn	11.40am	11 Nottingham (was 10 UCL)
12.00pm	13 Aconcagua	12.00pm	11 Goldsmiths (was 10 Brighton)
12.20pm	13 Olympus	12.20pm	11 Aberystwyth (was 10 Cardiff)
12.40pm	13 Fuji	12.30pm	TLC
13.00pm	13 Kili		

Pupils should arrive promptly at the Penfold Street main entrance at the allotted time. Pupils will be tested and leave again immediately, the whole process is likely to take 15 to 30 minutes maximum. If you are unable to attend, please email [parents@kingsolomonacademy.org](mailto:parents@kingsolomonacademy.org).

The second tests will be when pupils start back in school.

## 7. Uniform

A reminder that if you are buying **new uniform, school shoes, PE trainers or coats** over the Summer, please check the uniform expectations [here](#).

## **8. Digital Strategy Updates**

We are very pleased to have distributed chromebook devices to most pupils from current Year 3 upwards. In these year groups, these devices will be helpful in supporting your child to keep learning over the summer.

In particular, we'd like to draw your attention to Ark Spark, which is your child's homepage if they have a school chromebook and which is available to all Ark students using their KSA email address (<https://arkschools.sharepoint.com/sites/spark/>). This website offers many enriching learning activities to keep your child entertained. Examples include an 'Outdoor writing' project for Early Year, a 'How to Make a Superhero' writing task for Year 6 and Street Art projects in Year 9 Art.

Children who will be in Year 3 and Year 7 next academic year can look forward to receiving their device in the first days of the new academic year.

## **9. Class timetables**

We will write to you again at the start of September with details of your child's class timetable including which days they should come to school in their PE kit.

In the meantime, we thank you for everything you've done to support your children in their education with us this year and wish you very happy holidays.

Yours faithfully

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**Principal**

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