



Ellesmere Park High School

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

With the end of the school year nearly upon us, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the school during what has been a difficult period of time for us all. We also want to commend your child for the resilience they have shown throughout the pandemic, they are a credit to you and the school.

Last day of term

The last day of the summer term for students will be Wednesday 21st July. This will be a full school day with students finishing at the normal time of 2:45pm. Students should attend school in full uniform.

First day back in September & COVID Testing

School will reopen to students on **Wednesday 8th September**. We will be operating a staggered return due to the latest government guidance that says all secondary schools are required to conduct a series of **two lateral flows tests** during the first & second week back on every child that we have consent for. Below is a breakdown of the first six days back in September.

Please find attached a separate letter with more information about the testing.

Day/Date	Year groups in school	Year groups at home	Lateral Flow Testing
Wednesday 8 th September	Year 7 & Year 8	Year 9, Year 10 & Year 11	AM = Year 7 PM = Year 8
Thursday 9 th September	All year groups	None	AM = Year 9 PM = Year 11
Friday 10 th September	All year groups	None	AM = Year 10
Monday 13 th September	All year groups	None	AM = Years 7/8 PM = Years 8/9
Tuesday 14 th September	All year groups	None	AM = Years 9/10 PM = Years 10/11
Wednesday 15 th September	All year groups	None	AM = Year 11

When students are not being tested, they will be in their normal lessons. Each year group will have an extended form period on their return to school after the summer break.

School day timings for 2021/2022

Timings for the school have been put together with the purpose of ensuring that all students have adequate time during their break and lunch to queue up for food, eat their meals and socialise with their friends.

Year 7 & Year 8

Breakfast (<i>Toast will be available for students</i>)	8:25 – 8:40
Arrive to school	8:40 (<i>school bell goes at this time</i>)
Student Development Time (Form time)	8:45 – 9:05
Period 1	9:05 – 10:05
Period 2	10:05 – 11:05
Break (<i>Whole School</i>)	11:05 – 11:20
Period 3	11:20 – 12:20
Lunch (<i>Years 7 & 8</i>)	12:20 – 12:50
Period 4	12:50 – 13:50
Period 5	13:50 – 14:50 (<i>end of the school day</i>)



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Year 9, Year 10 & Year 11

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Student Development Time (Form time)	8:45 – 9:05
Period 1	9:05 – 10:05
Period 2	10:05 – 11:05
Break (<i>Whole School</i>)	11:05 – 11:20
Period 3	11:20 – 12:20
Period 4	12:20 – 13:20
Lunch (<i>Years 9 – 11</i>)	13:20 – 13:50
Period 5	13:50 – 14:50 (<i>end of the school day</i>)

Entrances/Exits for all students

- Year 7 – Side of school
- Year 8 & Year 9 – Front of school
- Year 10 & Year 11 – Back of school

Lockers

If your child still has belongings in their locker, they will need to be removed before the end of the school year so that lockers can be cleaned ready for allocation in September. Any belongings still in lockers after 21st July will be put into lost property. Further details regarding how your child can apply to rent a locker next year will be sent out in September.

Parent Pay for new Year 7 students

At Ellesmere Park, we operate a cashless catering system, which means that we prefer parent and carers to use Parent Pay rather than sending their child into school with cash. Unfortunately, we cannot generate Parent Pay accounts until all of our new Year 7 students are on our system, this means that they may not have an account for the first few days. Please do not worry about this, as your child will still be provided with a lunch until we get everyone set up with an account. Parent Pay activation letters will be sent home with your child in the first week of the new school year so that you can set up their account.

Finally we would like to wish you all a restful summer period and we look forward to hopefully having an uninterrupted 2021/2022 school year.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Bird
Deputy Headteacher