



19th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of term, I wanted to thank parents, carers and students for their support over the past academic year. It has been an unprecedented year, but we have been overwhelmed by the dedication and commitment shown by all. In preparation for our return in September, please find key information below:

Return to School:

We are looking forward to welcoming students back to school in September. Please see below for dates and times of returns:

Date of Return	Year Group	Start Time	Access to site / AM line up areas
Monday 6 th September	7 – Boys	8.15 - 8.30	Student reception (for first day only)
Monday 6 th September	7 – Girls	8.15 – 8.30	Visitor reception (for first day only)
Monday 6 th September	11, 12 and 13	8.30	Access: 6 th form gate Year 11 line up area: between English and USF
Tuesday 7 th September	8	8.30	Block B main gates Year 8 line up area: Small Playground
Tuesday 7 th September	9	8.30	Block A main gates Year 9 line up area: Basketball Courts
Tuesday 7 th September	10	8.30	Block B main gates Year 10 line up area: Outside Court (left of Roy Moore Hall)

Uniform:

From September 2021, all students are required to wear the new Avonbourne uniform. This applies to students moving from Year 8 into Year 9 and Year 9 into Year 10 who have not already transitioned to the new uniform.

The new uniform incorporates the United Learning logo and is smart and distinctive in appearance. The uniform is available to purchase from our existing supplier Stevensons, in Southbourne, either in store or online: <https://www.stevensons.co.uk/Schools/avonbourne-boys-academy-bournemouth/176> <https://www.stevensons.co.uk/Schools/avonbourne-girls-academy-bournemouth/165>. A price list and the Academy Uniform policy which details all items of the uniform and how to wear the uniform is available on our websites: <https://www.avonbourneboysacademy.org.uk/parents/uniform-and-equipment> <https://www.avonbournegirlsacademy.org.uk/parents/uniform-and-equipment>

A copy of our family handbooks can also be found on the websites for information around expectations.

Rapid Testing:

Upon students' return to the Academies in September, government guidance, released to schools on 6th July, states that all students should receive two onsite rapid Lateral Flow Device tests. In doing so, we will be able to identify any students who are positive but asymptomatic and who need to self-isolate.

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We will be operating this by Year Group in the following order:

- Years 7, 11, 12 and 13 will be tested on Monday 6th September and Thursday 9th September.
- Years 8, 9 and 10 will be tested on Tuesday 7th September and Friday 10th September.

If you consent to your child being tested, please complete the online consent form by 4pm Wednesday 1st September 2021: <https://forms.office.com/r/xwZHXNpcxk>

Only students with a completed consent form will be tested. If you do not consent, please do not complete the form. Following the on-site testing, we will be able to offer all students home-test kits and students will be able to test twice-weekly until the end of September when this will be reviewed. A privacy notice is attached for your information.

If your child shows any symptoms of Covid-19 (a new, continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste and smell) please do not send them to school for their asymptomatic testing but go to the dedicated NHS 111 Covid site, <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>, for details of what you need to do.

Lockers

From September, in order to support student movement around the Academies, lockers will no longer be available. Please remind you child to bring home any personal items.

Timings of the School Day

As previously communicated, the timings of the school day for September are as follows:

0830 – Start of Day
0835 – Tutor Time
0900 – Period 1
1015 – Transition to Lessons
1020 – Period 2
1135 – Break Time
1150 – Transition to Lessons
1155 – Period 3
1310 – Lunchtime
1340 – Transition to Lessons
1345 – Period 4
1500 – DEAR – Years 7-10 and USF
1500 – Period 5 for Year 11
1525 – End of Day Years 7-10 and USF
1545 – End of Day Year 11

A final reminder that term ends on Wednesday 21st July at 12.30pm. We wish all our students and their families a safe and happy summer.

Yours sincerely,

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