



# St Luke's Church of England School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **RE: End of Term/Start of 2021 Academic Year**

After what has been a challenging but rewarding academic year at St Luke's, I wanted to write with details for our final day in school as well as providing detailed information about the start of the new academic year.

### **End of Term – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

- **School will finish for ALL students at 13.10pm.** The canteen will serve food during the break but there will not be a lunch service on this day.

### **Start of 2021 Academic Year**

#### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

- School will be open for Years 7 and 11 only with these year groups expected in school for the usual 8.30am start.

#### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

- School will be open for ALL years with students expected in school for the usual 8.30am start.

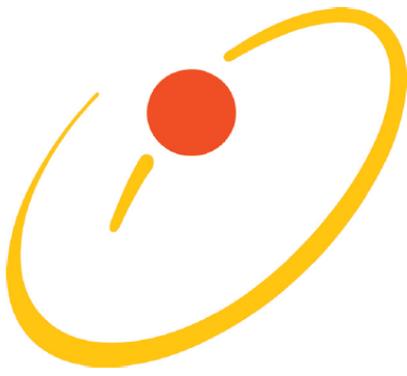
Whilst some CV-19 guidelines for schools have been relaxed, we have made the decision to keep some elements of our school operations from this year as we feel they have been hugely beneficial. One of these is our staggered entrance points which I have noted below for each year group;

- Year 7 and 8 – Student Reception
- Year 9 – Entrance between DT and Main Hall
- Year 10 – Entrance between IT and Humanities
- Year 11 – Entrance adjacent to the Canteen

We will also be keeping our current school day timings as well as our one-way system, social time zones for year groups and our split break/lunch times. We will however, move back to one finish time for all year groups which will be at 3.10pm.

### **Mass Testing**

You may be aware that as part of the Governments recent CV-19 announcements, schools will be asked to test all students twice, 3 – 5 days apart, at the start of the academic year using lateral flow tests. We are just finalising our plans for this and will ensure that you are all made aware of our timetable prior to the end of this academic year. It is very likely that this testing timetable will start on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September for some year groups.



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## Staffing Update

Over this past few weeks, we have been updating you regularly with staffing changes but I thought it would be useful for you to have an overview of all staff who will be leaving us at the end of this term. As ever, we would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of these staff members for their valued contributions to St Luke's and wish them all the very best for their next steps.

- Mr R. Hallam (Deputy Headteacher)
- Mrs Grashoff (Quality of Education Director)
- Mrs Anez (MFL)
- Mrs Pharoah (Geography)
- Miss Higginson (Science)
- Miss Brown (Science)
- Miss Leaney (Science)
- Mrs Dupre (DT)
- Ms Collins (DT)
- Mr Roberts (English and HoY10)
- Mrs Haytor (TA/Learning Support Asst.)
- Mr Burland (Business Support)

I am also delighted to inform you that we have a number of staff joining us from September in a variety of roles including;

- Mrs Griffin – Senior Deputy Headteacher (Quality of Education)
- Mrs Busby - Assistant Headteacher/SENDCo
- Ms Cox-Davies – Assistant Headteacher – English & Literacy
- Ms Norcliffe – Assistant Headteacher – Science & STEM
- Mr Denbow – Science Teacher
- Miss Williams – Science Teacher
- Miss Seneoaks – Science Teacher
- Mrs Thornhill – Maths Teacher
- Miss Parsons – English Teacher



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## **Tutor Groups and Class Changes**

At this stage in the year, for a variety of reasons including staffing changes, we sometimes have to make changes to tutor groups and classes. Whilst we always try to keep this to a minimum, colleagues will be writing to parents of any students affected by these changes prior to the end of this academic year.

Finally, I want to extend my sincerest thank you to all for your support throughout this year. It is the communication between ourselves which enables us to provide the very best education for our students and your constant feedback has been invaluable. We all know what a challenging year this has been for our students, our staff and our communities but we have worked tirelessly together to navigate everything that has come our way. We have no doubt that the next academic year will also come with its own degree of challenge but we are absolutely committed to ensuring that St Luke's continues to improve and, in particular, we want to see the school's extra-curricular offer re-launched with a vibrant programme of sport, music, drama, art, outdoor education trips, visits and a full enrichment week all in place for our students to enjoy.

I hope you all have a relaxing and peaceful summer break and I look forward to welcoming our students back in September.

Yours sincerely

Kealey Sherwood

Headteacher