



2nd September 2020

Dear Year 7 parents, carers and members of the Chessington School Community

Last evening it was a pleasure to see so many of you online for our second Question and Answer session of the summer. I hope it was informative but moreover I hope it allayed any anxiety that you may have had on the compulsory return to school for all children, tomorrow, 3rd September 2020. You will have seen that the school has gone to great lengths to meet and exceed [government guidance](#); all for the safety of our young people, yourselves and my colleagues. We and our regulatory bodies are pleased with the protocols and practices in place. We eagerly await the return of our children tomorrow.

With so many insightful questions from our families throughout the summer and on this most recent Q & A, it is important that this information gets to all, even if you couldn't make it. Please see a link below to a recording of last evening's session. As always the first minute or two can be scrolled through as its start up time.

Recording of Q & A - Tuesday 1st September 2020

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lcCTsDN5RmqD2BuW1vXU2tFDDxrQuPr0/view?usp=sharing>

Also attached is the slide deck used which has been developed based on recent shifts in guidance

Slide Deck from Q & A - Tuesday 1st September 2020

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1jrs5dh9lZM5Cqx-108gEw4m2DeXhR-Zhw48orQaEs/edit?usp=sharing>

Please take the time today, as you will have done earlier in the summer, to go through this with your child to reassure and educate them. Please also go through the bullet points below that explain again the step by step procedures for your child on Thursday and Friday of this week. We will ensure they are comprehensively educated and aware of all protocols when they are in with us tomorrow.

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Year 7, Thursday 3rd September:

- You will arrive no earlier than 8.25am and no later than 8.30 am in perfect uniform through the gates next to the bus stop on Garrison Lane.
- You will be lined up by Miss Smith, Mr Moulton and your tutor, all of whom are very happy to see you, so that you are ready to enter the building.
- You will enter the building, socially distanced, by the side of the sports centre. You will be shown where.
- On entry you will sanitise your hands using the automatic sanitisers provided.
- You will go up to your zone which is in the Humanities Corridor.
- There you will be in your classroom with your tutor who has lots of interesting, engaging and informative activities that will help you get back into the swing of things in school.
- Break, lunch and dismissal will be explained in depth by your tutor.
- You will finish the day at 2.55 pm when you will walk home if you can or at least walk part of the way to reduce numbers on busses and trains.

Year 7, from Friday 4th September and for the rest of the half term:

- You will arrive no earlier than 8.40 am and no later than 8.45 am in perfect uniform through the gates next to the bus stop on Garrison Lane.
- You will enter the building, socially distanced, by the side of the sports centre. Teachers will be on hand to ask any questions.
- You will go straight up to your tutor room.
- Your lessons will be in your tutor room and the teachers will come to you.
- Break, lunch and dismissal will be explained in depth by your tutor again.
- You will finish the day at 2.55 pm when you will walk home if you can or at least walk part of the way to reduce numbers on busses and trains.

Throughout these first two days we will be ensuring that we educate your child on the protocols, processes and procedures that will enable them to be safe while they learn at Chessington. That will propel us into next week where we will begin the process of getting our children loving learning in class again and making up for any lost ground from Lockdown.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to send them to the usual email address, contactus@chessington.kingston.uk and we will respond swiftly.

Please remind your children that they have friends that miss them and teachers that cannot wait to see them. All of us at Chessington look forward to seeing all of our children tomorrow.

Yours sincerely

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