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Dear Parent/Carer

As I am sure you will appreciate, it has been an incredibly challenging term, mainly due to the continued rise in COVID cases in South Tyneside. We appreciate that it is not easy for parents when bubbles are sent home to isolate, but this has been necessary to try and contain the spread of the virus and keep the school open. I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support and understanding throughout another difficult academic year.

Whilst we hope to be returning to some semblance of normality in September, we will confirm operational plans for the start of the new academic year in Week six of the summer holidays. It is sensible to wait for any updates to government guidance and to ascertain what the local picture is like before finalising plans. The day structure will remain the same as it is this year, with split breaks and lunches (please see the plan below). We will confirm whether we need staggered entry and exit times in August. Please note that pupils must remain on site over the lunch period.

We do know, as part of the government's return to school strategy, we will be asked, where consent is given, to provide two on-site lateral flow tests to all pupils. The first test must be done before pupils return to school and the second will take place within a three-day timescale thereafter. As was the case in March, we will be staggering this across the first week back, as it is not possible to test all 850 pupils at once.

Plans will be confirmed in August, but it is our intention to test our new **Year 7 cohort on Tuesday 7 September**. We understand that some children will not have experienced a lateral flow test and may feel slightly anxious, but we will have trained staff on hand to support pupils.

Please see the table below for provisional details of pupil testing and their return date in September (Monday 6 September is a staff training day):

YEAR GROUP	FIRST LATERAL FLOW TEST	RETURN TO SCHOOL
7 (+Year 11 prefects)	Tuesday 7 September	Wednesday 8 September
8	Thursday 9 September	Friday 10 September
9	Wednesday 8 September	Thursday 9 September
10	Thursday 9 September	Friday 10 September
11	Wednesday 8 September	Thursday 9 September

On the day of their test, pupils should report to the back of the main hall, via the gate near the main reception. Staff will be there to guide year groups through the process. Parents and carers will receive a text in advance of the appointment, which will include the time. Please note the following:

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- Where we have already received consent for testing, parents will not be required to fill out another form.
- If you have previously given consent but do not want your child to be tested this time, you must contact the school before Monday 6 September, via covid@hebburn.net, to let us know.
- If you did not give consent in March and would like your child to be tested in September, please contact the school for a consent form, via the email address above.
- We will be sending out an electronic consent form to pupils in our new Year 7 cohort.

Pupils are not required to wear school uniform on the day of their test, but they are expected to be in full, correct school uniform on their return to school.

It is essential that pupils make a positive start to the academic year, and we ask for your full support in ensuring that your son/daughter arrives to school on their first day in the correct school uniform and fully equipped for learning.

DAY STRUCTURE FOR SEPTEMBER

Year 7	Registration 8:40 am - 8:45am (In Period 1 teaching classroom)	Period 1 8:45 – 9:45	Break 15m	Period 2 10:00 – 11:00	Period 3 11:00 – 12:00	Period 4 12:00 – 12:30	Lunch 30m	Period 4 1:00 – 1:30	Period 5 1:30 – 2:30	Form Period/Assembly 2:30 – 2:45	
Year 8						Lunch 30m	Period 4 12:30 – 1:30				
Year 9											
Year 10			Period 2 9:45 – 10:45	Break 15m							
Year 11							Period 4 12:00 – 1:00	Lunch 30m			

PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Year	Key Stage	Head of Learning	Intervention Manager	Head of Key Stage	Senior Leadership Link
7	3	Mrs C Moore	Mrs R Bingham	Miss J Hood	Mrs S Burdis
8		Miss J Shield	Mrs E McDevitt		
9		Mr C Mulley	Miss S Woodcock		
10	4	Mrs E Armstrong	Miss J O'Brien	Mr N Chambers	
11		Mrs L Fawcett	Miss M Simpson		

STAFF LEAVING

After a 42-year career of teaching in South Tyneside, Miss Dalton, teacher of English and former Head of Department, will be retiring at the end of term, having also worked at Redwell Comprehensive and Brinkburn School. Throughout her career, Miss Dalton has had a huge impact on the life chances of young people across the borough. Generations of students taught by Miss Dalton have developed a real love of English and English literature, and have gone on to secure the grades they've needed to access the next stage of their education or employment, with many going on to study the subject at college and/or university. This level of success is down to Miss Dalton's passion for education, her outstanding teaching and the significant investment in the young people with whom she's worked. She is a highly respected teacher and colleague, and we are all going to miss her. We wish Miss Dalton a long, happy and restful retirement and thank her for the outstanding contribution she has made to both teaching and to the school.

We also say farewell to the following staff: Miss Hardwick, Miss Jobling, Mr Henderson, Mr Brundle and Mr Davies. Our thanks for all of their hard work this year.

NEW STAFF STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

We have a number of new staff joining the school in September:

Mrs Beckford – Head of French	Miss Hadjikakou – Teacher of Music/English
Mrs Hall – Head of Biology	Mr Hall – Teacher of Mathematics
Mr Obee – Head of Physics	Miss McGuinness – Teacher of Art and Photography
Mr Ridley – Second in English	Miss Studholme – Teacher of Geography
Miss Brooker – Teacher of History	Miss Knight – Administration Assistant
Mr Chadwick – Teacher of French	Miss Engelby – Administration Assistant
Miss Duguid – Teacher of Chemistry	Mr Pegram – Cover Supervisor
Miss Graham – Teacher of English	

ADDITIONAL STAFF NEWS

- Miss Summerland will return after her maternity leave as Second in Mathematics.

- Miss O'Brien, Intervention Manager for Year 9, joined the school in June. She will continue to work with the year group as they move into Year 10.
- In September, Mr Reid will be teaching PE.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR SEPTEMBER

It is hugely important that we have up-to-date contact details for all parents and carers, so we are able to get in touch in an emergency. If your details have changed, or they change at any point during the academic year, could you please contact the school as a matter of urgency.

SOME OF OUR SUMMER TERM ACTIVITIES

Pupils in our Year 7 Council have been extremely busy in the summer term. They have co-ordinated litter picks around the school site and met with Cllr Ellison to talk about life as a local Councilor. Pupils in the year group have also been involved in tree planting in our new garden space and some pupils have been growing pea pods at home after receiving them as Easter gifts from the pastoral team.



ROYAL MAIL STAMP COMPETITION

The whole of KS3 participated in a Royal Mail Stamp Competition. There were some fantastic entries, and we are currently awaiting the outcome.

HEBBURN TOWN FC DAY

To show our support for Hebburn Town FC's trip to Wembley for the FA Vase Final, pupils came to school in the club's colours and the school meal service made biscuits in the club's colours! Well done to the team for bringing the cup home! Below is a picture of some of our pupils with the FA Vase trophy.



RHSE CONSENT LESSONS

Pupils in Years 7-10 took part in a lesson on the subject of consent, the law and personal space. The sessions were delivered by the form tutors and the pupils were outstanding in their maturity and willingness to contribute to the sessions. Well done to everyone involved.

GAME OF UNI

Classes in Year 7 received a visit from a student ambassador from Northumbria University. The workshop gave pupils an insight into university life in an interactive way. Pupils were presented with a series of scenarios that a student may face at university and were awarded points based on the decisions they made. Pupils found out about the academic and extra-curricular activities on offer to students at university.

BUILDING RESILIENCE SESSIONS

Pupils in Years 7-10 took part in a virtual session on building resilience delivered by Sunderland University. Pupils discussed and listened to strategies for helping them to build resilience and remain positive when unexpected events happen. A big thank you to the university for their support with this event.

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Since the final of the Euros, pupils have taken the opportunity to write messages of support for Marcus Rashford, Jadon Sancho and Bukayo Sako, following the racist abuse they received online, after missing their penalties. Hebburn Comprehensive cares. Hebburn Comprehensive stands against racism.



AND FINALLY...

I would like to pay tribute again to our outstanding staff team who, in the most challenging of circumstances, have continued to provide the highest standard of education and pastoral care for our pupils. It continues to be a privilege to work with such a committed and hard-working team of professionals. Staff have continued to go the extra mile, particularly over recent weeks, where we have faced significant disruption, to ensure the best for our pupils.

I would also like to thank parents and carers for your ongoing support and your understanding of the challenges the school has faced this academic year: it is much appreciated.

In the most challenging of circumstances, we have, once again, pulled together as a school community, and I am extremely grateful for that.

We look forward to seeing all year groups again in September.

I will post further information on the school website in the sixth week of the summer holidays.

Have a safe and restful summer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DRL', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr D R Thompson
Head Teacher