



# BYRCHALL HIGH SCHOOL

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July 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

As this academic year draws to a close, I am sure that you and your children are hoping for a smoother and more fulfilling experience of school, and life, in 2021-22. This year has certainly been one of disruption, adaption, stress and fatigue for all. I hope that you and your family have managed whatever challenges your personal circumstances have presented and wish you well over the summer.

### This Term

As you are aware, the country is due to move to step 4 of the easing of covid restrictions on 19<sup>th</sup> July. As you will see from the attached letter from the Director of Public Health, there will be no change to arrangements in school for the last 3 days of term.

“Our schools will continue to operate under their current risk assessment and related health and safety procedures for the last few days of the Summer Term. This means, for example, that children will still be taught in designated bubbles, social distancing rules will be maintained, and school will still ask children to wear face coverings where required”.

Unfortunately, a lot of students and staff have been affected by the need to self-isolate, if they have been a close contact of a positive case, this term. The self-isolation rules for children under the age of 18 remain in place until 16th August 2021 under NHS Track and Trace.

Asymptomatic testing is not required over the summer except for those attending the school site e.g. the Year 6 into 7 summer school. The latest Covid-19 guidance for parents can be found by following this link:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1002337/OOSS\\_Parent\\_Guidance\\_Step\\_4\\_PDF\\_coverings.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1002337/OOSS_Parent_Guidance_Step_4_PDF_coverings.pdf)

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### The September Start

On students' return to school in September, we are required to perform 2 on-site lateral flow tests 3-5 days apart and will therefore stagger the return of pupils across the week of the 6<sup>th</sup> September. Lessons will be delivered remotely in the same way as the return to school was managed in March.

The schedule for return is below:

<b>Monday 06/09/2021</b>		<b>Tuesday 07/09/2021</b>		<b>Wednesday 08/09/2021</b>		<b>Thursday 09/09/2021</b>		<b>Friday 10/09/2021</b>	
Time	Form	Time	Form	Time	Form	Time	Form	Time	Form
08:30	7R1	08:30	11R1	08:30	9R1	08:30	8R1	08:30	10R1
08:50	7R2	08:50	11R2	08:50	9R2	08:50	8R2	08:50	10R2
09:20	7S1	09:20	11S1	09:20	9R3	09:20	8S1	09:20	10S1
09:40	7S2	09:40	11S2	09:40	9S1	09:40	8S2	09:40	10S2
10:10	7T1	10:10	11T1	10:10	9S2	10:10	8T1	10:10	10T1
11:00	7T2	11:00	11T2	11:00	9S3	11:00	8T2	11:00	10T2
11:20	7V1	11:20	11V1	11:20	9T1	11:20	8V1	11:20	10V1
11:50	7V2	11:50	11V2	11:50	9T2	11:50	8V2	11:50	10V2
				12:20	9V1				
				12:40	9V2				

Therefore, you should plan for your children to make their first physical attendance at school at those times. They will receive 'Teams' invitations for lessons from 6<sup>th</sup> September except for the new Year 7 who will attend in person on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. If your child was loaned a mobile device/laptop which has now been returned to school, these will be available to collect from 31<sup>st</sup> August.

I appreciate that, for some, the arrival times may present a logistical challenge. In exceptional cases where these cannot be overcome, please contact us and we will discuss an individual arrangement for your child.

The retests, i.e. 2<sup>nd</sup> test, will be performed in school by withdrawing the children during normal lesson time. Twice weekly home testing by staff and pupils is required by the national guidance until the end of September when it will be reviewed.

We intend to resume our full offer in September (subject to any further change in regulations/guidance). School operation will be bubble-free and children will move to specialist room as appropriate to the subject. Breakfast Club and after school facilities, including supported study, clubs, sports, etc will operate. Full school uniform will be required and children will get changed for PE.

The canteen will resume normal operation before school, at break and at lunchtime with full, varied menus and options. Students will be able to pre-order via the Fusion App, if they wish, or choose at the time of purchase in the canteen.

Bus timetables are still being finalised with Transport for Greater Manchester and Mersey Travel and will be available on the school's website over the summer. As capacity will be provided by the TFGM services the 777/778 will not be required. However, the 555 and 888 token buses will continue to operate as normal.

Finally, thank you again for your support and patience during the year and your many appreciative messages. We hope to provide a more fulfilling experience for your children in the coming year and enjoy welcoming you all back as part of our community.

I hope you and your family have a good summer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A.R. Birchall." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'A'.

Mr A.R. Birchall  
Headteacher