



# RUTLISH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

After the challenges of the last eighteen months it has been wonderful to have a near normal half term, all be it one that has been extremely busy for us all. We welcomed our new Year 7s who have settled in well. We are delighted to welcome back so many of last year's Year 11 students to start their sixth form studies in RR6, a total of 145 staying with us.

It is the half term break next week and school returns on Monday 1 November at 8.30am. It will be week 2 of our 2-week timetable cycle. I am recommending that, with the rising number of Covid19 cases in Merton, students and staff take a lateral flow test before returning to school on 1 November and continue to test twice weekly. Please be reassured that there are very few positive case at Rutlish unlike some other schools.

## Mobile Phones

A reminder that students must hand in their phones when they arrive at school, they should not be kept in pockets or bags. The collection points are available between 8.00am and 8.25am. Any student arriving late, or following an appointment, should hand their phone in at the Manor House Reception.

## School Site Opening Times

Please could you remind your child of the timings of our school day and ask them to arrive promptly for tutor time at 8.30am, details can be found on our website [Rutlish School - The School Day](#).

The school gates at Watery Lane entrance will not be open before 8.00am in the morning. Mostyn Road pedestrian gates will be open from 7.30am for before school clubs.

- If your child is attending a morning club, they should enter the school via the Mostyn Road entrance
- Breakfast is served from 8.00am - 8.30am in the school canteen
- The Library is open from 8.00am - 8.30am for students to catch up on homework or quiet reading
- No student should be on the field or basketball court unless supervised by a member of staff either before or after school.

At the end of the school day students must leave the school site promptly unless they are attending additional lessons, after school activity or have a detention.

## Travel To and From School

We encourage students to walk and cycle to school when they can: however, no scooters, electric scooters or skateboards please. There are cycle racks at both entrances for students to lock bicycles to. We are currently exploring the purchase of scooter racks and will keep you informed.

If you are driving to school please do not drive down Watery Lane; as well as the safer streets restrictions, it is a narrow, dead end road and turning cars can be a danger to pedestrians.

I would like to remind students to remember to be polite and courteous to our neighbours and community, especially when walking along residential roads and on public transport.

## RR6 Open Evening

Due to the rise in Covid19 cases in Merton, the RR6 Open Evening will be virtual. The information can be found on our website [Rutlish School - RR6 Admissions](#). Please ask your child to take time to look at the information and subject specific details.

We will be working with Year 11 students after half term to give them more information about sixth form, including BTEC and T Levels offers by other local institutes.

## Year 7 Sets

Students will be set in Science from 1 November and this information will be sent out separately. Other subjects, including Maths and English will be set over the next few weeks and we will send the information to Year 7 parents and carers.

## Parents Evenings

We have three parent's evening next half term and details will be sent out a couple of weeks before the date:

- Year 13 – 4 November
- Year 10 – 18 November
- Year 8 – 25 November

## Uniform Collection

Uniform can be ordered through your School Gateway account, for students to collect from the Finance Office during a Wednesday lunchtime.

## Lost Property

Students can collect lost property from Mrs Parchment in the Time-Out Office on first floor, Main Building; next door to the LRC.

## Water Bottles

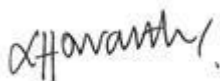
Please could students bring their own water bottles to school to help us reduce the use of single use plastic and paper cups. There are water fountains around school for filling up bottles.

Thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to send positive thanks to myself or my staff, it has been most appreciated.

Finally, please continue to visit our website for information about the school and activities the students are taking part in [Rutlish School - Home](#). You can also follow us on Twitter @RutlishSchool.

I hope you all have a good half term break,

Yours sincerely



Ms L Howarth  
Headteacher

