



RUTLISH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

INDUCTION FOR YEAR 7 – FRIDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

As the school will be carrying out Lateral Flow Testing for all students at the start of the autumn term, Induction Day has been moved to **Friday 3rd September**. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Students should arrive at our Watery Lane entrance by 8.30am. We would like to ask that you say your good byes outside the entrance. There will be members of staff welcoming the students and escorting them to the quad where they will line up in their tutor groups. The tutor groups will be clearly signposted.

Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm and will be able to leave the school via either the Mostyn Road or the Watery Lane gates.

Please note that there is no vehicle access to Watery Lane.

Induction day for students will include an assembly with the Head of Year, Ms Graham; a tour of the school; a session with their tutors where students will receive their planners and timetables, and summer activities workbook review; biometric data for canteen access; team building; and tutor group photos.

Students will need to attend in **full Rutlish School uniform** and bring their equipment **and a packed lunch** with them.

Students will start to follow their timetable from Monday 6th September. Most lessons will be taught in tutor groups for the first part of the term; MFL, DT and ICT are taught in carousel so students will be put in smaller groups for these lessons to ensure that numbers in DT classes meet health and safety requirements.

YEAR 7 TESTING IN SCHOOL – THURSDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

For the first test, students will be invited in by tutor group, on the date and times below.

Please make sure your child attends at the time stated below; students will return home following their test.

Students will be given a home test kit that day to then start using from Thursday 9th September; we recommend testing on a Sunday and Wednesday evening or Monday and Thursday morning and continue this routine throughout September.

Students will take a second test during the week commencing 6th September 2021 whilst at school.

Consent:

If you consent to your child being tested, please complete the form [Rutlish Consent Form](#) (one per student). Privacy notice attached.

Students:

- must arrive at the Watery Lane entrance and will be directed to the Hall.
- should not arrive earlier than the time given



- may wear their own clothes
- return straight home once their test is completed

Date	Tutor Group	Time
Thursday 2nd September	Argonauts	8.30am
	Romans	8.50am
	Spartans	9.10am
	Trojans	9.30am
	Carthaginians	9.50am
	Kelts	10.10am
	Parthians	10.30am
	Vikings	10.50am

We appreciate that students may be nervous about taking the test. We have produced a short video to give new students an overview of what testing will be like at Rutlish. There will also be staff available to support on the day: [Testing at Rutlish](#)

Students not taking part in testing do not need to attend school on test day.

Test result

Parents/carers and students will be informed as soon as possible (usually within 30 minutes) if they have tested positive or if the test was void.

Students with a positive result will need to take a further 'PCR test' (similar to those done in testing sites) to confirm the result. While they wait for the PCR result (via text / email) they will need to self-isolate until they get their result. If it is negative, the student can return to school.

If the result of this secondary test is positive, the student and household members will need to follow Government guidelines. **Please inform school as soon as you receive this test result via the absence line or email Rutlish.Absence@rutlish.merton.sch.uk**, or via the contact page on our website [Rutlish - Contact Us](#)

What if my child develops symptoms?

This testing programme at school is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (such as a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss of change to your sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) or 0300 303 2713 (Scotland) or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

We will support students throughout the testing process, but please contact us if you need this information in any other language or format or if you have any questions. You can call Reception on 020 8542 1212 or email administration@rutlish.merton.sch.uk.

UNIFORM COLLECTION

If you have outstanding items of uniform to collect please come at the time allocated for that tutor group (whether your child is testing or not).

MOBILE PHONES

The school policy is that students may bring mobile phones to school but they must be handed in. Each year group as an allocated location and new students will be shown where this is on their first day.

Phones are collected at the end of the school day, so if you are collecting your child please allow a few minutes for this.

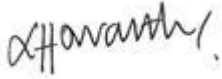
No mobile phones should be used while in school. If a student needs to contact home they should speak to the office.

Our end of term newsletter is available on our website: [Rutlish School - Newsletters](#)

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the School Office.

I would like to wish you all an enjoyable summer, and we look forward to welcoming you in September.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Howarth
Headteacher

