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## THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/carers

Following our first whole week back for all of the pupils, we would like to thank you for supporting us in having a very settled and smooth return to the school year. The vast majority of the pupils are very smartly dressed and ready to learn with all of the equipment that they need. One of our new staff members has commented on the politeness of our pupils, as well the sense of community that they have noticed. Having moved from the bubble restrictions, older pupils have been supporting the younger years in finding their way around.

We have a range of information and issues to raise with you. Please support us by reading through carefully.

### New staff

We have welcomed a number of new staff into the school across numerous departments, year groups and roles:

- **Mr Griffiths – Religious Studies teacher – Year 7 tutor**
- **Mrs Wellings – Modern Foreign Languages – Year 7 tutor**
- **Mrs James – Science – Year 8 tutor**
- **Mrs Turnock – Deputy SENDCO**
- **Mrs Hinks – Pastoral Support for Year 7**
- **Mrs Colvin – Pastoral Support for Year 8**
- **Miss Manning – Teaching Assistant**

### Year 7

Due to the disruptions and restrictions caused by the pandemic we were unable to hold our normal Year 6 induction day, but tried to ensure that as many pupils as possible were able to come to us on separate days in their primary school feeders. Last Friday we were able to have them altogether as a whole year group. They are the largest year group in the school with 220 pupils. Friday allowed them to meet their tutor and tutor group, complete a scavenger hunt in order to navigate around school, and have a team building exercise with ice-lollies.

This week they have had a day with their tutor where they completed CATs tests and enjoyed Circus skills. We will now be using the information from the CATs tests to place them into teaching groups for the rest of the year. We have 9 sets for the first time ever so they will be in MEGALITHS (we like to have a word that relates to our namesake). MEG will be upper teaching sets, ALIT will be in the middle and HS will support pupils with lower literacy and numeracy skills.

New timetables will be issued on Monday morning and can then be transferred into their planners.



## Start of the year assemblies

All year groups will have an assembly with the Senior team and their Progress Leader on Friday 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be delivering many central messages to them all, such as the Vision and Ethos of the school, what we aim to achieve this year, and how the school is organised differently. **The key aspect that you all need to be aware of is the Pupil Code of Conduct that describes the behaviour that we expect to see displayed by the pupils. All parents must be aware of the behaviours that will not be tolerated in school, and ensure that we are given support when upholding these particularly if there are consequences for your children if failing to uphold them.** Please find a copy attached to this letter.

## Lunch menu

How we serve food has changed as has the choice and range available. We have the main canteen where pupils can purchase a hot meal each day. We also have two other areas where students can purchase a selection of hot snacks such as our new selection of paninis, as well a selection of cold food.

Menus are available in the Parent portal section of our website or by following our link:

<https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/portals/parent/lunchtime-menus/>

## Covid Testing at home

Now that pupils have had two tests at school upon their return, the DfE are instructing that pupils and staff test twice a week at home. Lateral Flow tests have been issued to pupils in the last couple of days so that tests are completed on Sunday night/Monday morning and Wednesday night/Thursday morning. It is worth noting that rules about self-isolation have changed so where a positive once meant whole pupils of pupils were sent home, only the positive pupil needs to self-isolate. **The link to report tests is here: <https://forms.office.com/r/96TppwFcVy>**

## Polite Reminders

In order to support us in an effective and efficient running of the school we ask that parents remember (particularly since we now have almost 1000 pupils on roll):

- **Parents should not be driving into the school car park at the start and the end of the day.** This causes risk to the pupils who may be walking through the site. Please drop at either of the entrances (Holders Road is often better as Antrobus Road is rather dangerous and congested in the morning).
- **Pupils should come to school in full uniform, not PE kit.** We will contact parents if we want it to be otherwise even in the case of hot weather.
- **Try to ensure pupils are organised with items they need the night before or before they leave.** With reception reopening there is already an increase in forgotten things being delivered through the day.
- **Please do not use reception to pass on messages to pupils unless it is an emergency.** With almost 1000 pupils in school, we do not have capacity to find pupils to tell them where they will be picked up, etc.
- **If your contact details have changed you must notify us by email.** We cannot accept phonecalls with changes of details.

Yours faithfully

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