



To Aspire, Endeavour and Thrive Together

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last September, we hoped we were opening to the experience of one or two terms of “Bubble” based learning and the associated limitations it placed on the curriculum offer we could put in place. However, as we all know, the situation worsened with an extended lockdown through the Spring Term and significant disruption on an ongoing basis for some students right through to the end of the school year.

I am immensely proud of the students, our families, and every member of staff for the way they have responded quickly and with a willingness to make the best of whatever was happening and want to thank you all once again for your support and encouragement over the last year.

It has been really disappointing that so many students have had to self-isolate over the last few weeks, this is not how we wanted the term to end. However, I do hope they will be able to join in the rewards assemblies which take place throughout this week either in school or online.

Despite the disruption we are currently experiencing with students and staff self-isolating, we are committed to teaching meaningful lessons through to the end of the term. As we come to the end of the school year I would like to update you on our end of term and start of term arrangements for September.

End of Term

The Summer term ends on Thursday 22nd July and school will close to students at 12.30pm. If your child is entitled to free school meals, please email kboakes@glossopdale.school if you would like them to collect a packed lunch to take with them.

Sadly, we will be saying farewell to a number of staff on Thursday as they take on new roles or begin new ventures. Firstly, Mr Kettle will be leaving us to take up a new post as SENDCO, we wish him all the very best in this new role. We also say farewell to Mrs Osbaldeston who has taught art and textiles at the school for 35 years. Mrs Osbaldeston has made a significant contribution to so many students at Glossopdale and I know she will be sorely missed by both staff and students. We wish her all the best on her retirement. We also say farewell to Mrs Peck, finance manager, who has been at school for 21 years. I would like to thank Mrs Peck for her long service and dedication to the school. Also leaving us are Mr. Crompton in Science, Miss Riley and Miss Donlan in English, Mr. Barber in Maths and our cover supervisors, Mrs. Laxton and Ms. Wilde. We wish all the staff leaving us this term all the very best and thank them all for their service to the school and its community.

Exam results

The Y13 and Y11 exam results dates have been brought forward to 10th August for Y13 and 12th August for Y11. Information about the organisation of the results days has been sent separately to parents already. Please keep an eye on your email throughout the summer for any updates. However, please remember, do not attend school in person to receive your results if you are experiencing COVID symptoms or have tested positive. The results dates happen prior to the 16th

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August and therefore, a close contact or COVID app notification will still trigger a direction to self-isolate.

Start of the new year

I am genuinely optimistic that we can have a strong and consistent start to the school year for every student.

Key to this is the need to offer Covid testing to every student before they return to the classroom. The purpose is to screen students as they return and is highly dependent on uptake. I would ask every family to provide consent for testing to support the safest return for everyone.

We have been given the option to phase the return to school for all students at the start of term. The practicalities of testing mean that we will need to utilise this option, but I have limited the time we need to the absolute minimum.

Staggered return and asymptomatic testing

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme. Please continue to encourage your child to test twice weekly and report the results until the end of the summer term. The asymptomatic testing programme is being paused for students in secondary schools and colleges that will be closed over the summer holidays. If you or your child are not attending a setting over the summer but wish to access rapid lateral flow testing, you can continue to do so by ordering LFD test kits from GOV.UK or by collecting kits from your local pharmacy.

We need to offer a test to each student twice before they can return to face to face teaching in September. There will then be a second follow up test within 3-5 days. In order to do this, we will stagger the students' return to school in September. Please see the arrangements below:

Yr	3/9	Mon 6/9	Tue 7/9	Wed 8/9	Thu 9/9	Friday 10/9
7	Test	Induction	Induction + lessons	Induction + lessons + 2 nd test	Lessons	Lessons
8			Test	Induction + lessons	Induction + lessons	Lessons + 2 nd test
9			Test	Induction + lessons	Induction + lessons	Lessons + 2 nd test
10		Test	Induction + lessons	Induction + lessons	Lessons + 2 nd test	Lessons
11		Test	Induction + lessons	Induction + lessons	Lessons + 2 nd test	Lessons
12	Test	Induction full day	Induction + lessons	lessons from period 2 + 2 nd test	Lessons	Lessons
13	Test	Induction full day	Lessons from period 2	Induction and 2 nd test	Lessons	Lessons



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Students will be provided with a time for their first test; this will be provided at the end of the summer holidays. Testing will take place in the sports hall. For the first test only, students do not need to wear school uniform and attend for the test only. The second test will take place while the students are in school.

On all other days, students should arrive by 8.40am. They will line up in their allocated area (see below) by 8.45am.



As we have already carried out an asymptomatic testing programme, you have already indicated whether or not you consent to your child being tested in school. If you need to change your details, you can do so by completing the form here:

<https://www.glossopdale.school/covidconsent/>

Please review the information on asymptomatic testing, as well as the Terms of Consent and privacy notice on our website here:

<https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/Student-Covid-19-Testing-programme/>

Asymptomatic testing is the most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission and support the continuation of face-to-face education. We recognise, however, the need to minimise any disruption to education and to continue to support your child's mental wellbeing. The government will continue to review the future need for testing in light of any changes to the public health situation.

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Timing of the school day:

Please see below a reminder of the school day. We are maintaining the staggered breaks and lunches in order to ensure that recreational time is calm and well-managed, and that all students have sufficient time to eat and relax.

School Day September 2021

Tutor (Time)	P1 (60 min lesson) 9.15-10.15	P2 (75 min in total) 60 min lesson(L) 15 min break (B) 10.15-11.30	P3 (60 min lesson) 11.30-12.30	P4 (90 min in total) 60 min lesson (L) 30 min lunch) 12.30-2.00pm	P5 (60 min lesson) 2.00pm-3.00pm
All students in Y7-Y11 need to be lined up outside for 8.40am					

Y7	8.45-9.15	L-60 mins	L-30 mins	B 10.45-11.00	L-30 mins	L-60 mins	L-30 mins	Lunch 1.00pm-1.30pm	L-30 mins	L-60 mins
Y8	8.45-9.15	L-60 mins	L-45 mins	B 11.00-11.15	L-15 mins	L-60 mins	L-60 mins	Lunch 1.30pm-2.00pm	L-60 mins	L-60 mins
Y9	8.45-9.15	L-60 mins	L-15 mins	B 10.30-10.45	L-45 mins	L-60 mins	Lunch 12.30pm-1.00pm	L-60 mins	L-60 mins	L-60 mins
Y10	8.45-9.15	L-60 mins	L-60 mins	B 11.15-11.30	L-60 mins	L-60 mins	Lunch 1.30pm-2.00pm	L-60 mins	L-60 mins	L-60 mins
Y11	8.45-9.15	L-60 mins	B 10.15-10.30	L-60 mins	L-60 mins	L-60 mins	Lunch 12.30pm-1.00pm	L-60 mins	L-60 mins	L-60 mins
P16	8.45-9.15	L-60 mins	L-60 mins	B 11.15-11.30	L-60 mins	L-60 mins	Lunch 1.30pm-2.00pm	L-60 mins	L-60 mins	L-60 mins

Uniform:

A reminder that, from September, each year group will have a different coloured tie.

- Year 7 **New burnt orange with a blue stripe**
- Year 8 Gold with blue stripe
- Year 9 Blue with a gold stripe
- Year 10 **New blue with blue and gold stripe**
- Year 11 Black with a gold stripe

All ties cost £3.50 and can be bought from the school reception on 31st August and 1st September. If there are any parents of students who were not expecting to purchase a new tie this year, please speak to your child's Year Manager and we will provide support where necessary.



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We know that the majority of parents will purchase new uniform for their children over the summer holidays. Please make sure that this adheres to our uniform policy, details can be found here:

https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/-About_Us/School-Uniform/

In particular, we remind you that students are not permitted to wear trainers and skirts must be knee length with a pleat. Please also ensure that haircuts and colour are natural and that your child does not return to school with nail varnish, acrylic nails or false eyelashes.

If you have any queries about the uniform, please email info@glossopdale.school and a member of staff will get back to you.

Students must bring all of their equipment on their first day: black pen, red pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, calculator. Please ensure that this is organised in a pencil case. They will be provided with a planner in their induction session. Students should also bring their PE kit with them on their first day back.

Support over the summer

Students who are entitled to Free School Meals will be eligible for the Government's COVID Local Support Grant Scheme. If you have received previous vouchers during the school holidays you will be automatically registered for this grant. Each eligible child will receive vouchers with a total value of £80. Derbyshire County Council will distribute two £40 vouchers to parents and carers for each eligible child on two separate dates. These are as follows:

- first distribution date is week commencing 19th July
- second distribution date is the week commencing 9th August.

If parents and carers have not received the voucher by either 26th July or 16th August respectively they should contact Derbyshire County Council via the following email CWGS@derbyshire.gov.uk
If you did not receive this grant during previous holidays or if you have only newly received the Free School Meals allowance then you will need to register for this grant via the following link:
<https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/applications/formBuilder/food-vouchers-for-children/143ECB51-ACAD-4FAF-A11C-915258D22724>

Please click on the link below for details of financial support available for families over the summer, including foodbanks and free holiday activities:
<https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/Free-School-Meals/>

Have a wonderful summer holiday and I look forward to seeing all our students return in September as well as welcoming 230 new Year 6 students to Glossopdale.

Yours faithfully,

Debbie McGloin

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