

Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers

Important Information – Please read carefully

I hope you found the virtual parents' evening helpful. If you were unable to attend, we have uploaded a copy of the session onto our Year 6 Transition page of our website:

https://public.dorothy-stringer.co.uk/ds/Pages/transition_page.aspx .

As mentioned in a previous email we are offering our new Year 7s a chance to tour the school next week when they will get a chance to meet key pastoral staff and talk to our Year 10 peer mentors. These tours will take place after the school day between 12 and 15 July, depending on which primary school your child attends; please see chart below. The tours have been organised in Primary School groups to maintain school bubbles. Please arrive at the time listed below and not earlier.

New DfE Advice

You may be aware that the Department for Education have set out new guidance for schools when they open in September. Secondary school students should receive two on-site lateral flow device tests on their return to school in September. The guidance states:

- *All secondary school pupils should receive 2 on-site lateral flow device tests, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return in the autumn term. Staff and secondary pupils should then continue to test twice weekly at home until the end of September, when this will be reviewed. There is no need for primary age pupils (those in year 6 and below) to test over the summer period. They will be offered the 2 tests at their new school at the beginning of the autumn term when they start at their secondary school as a new year 7.*

You can read the full guidance on the [DfE Website](#):

This means we have had to revisit our arrangements for the start of term in order to facilitate this new testing guidance. Our New Year 7s will be tested on **Friday 3 September**; we will email again with the testing schedule for 3 September; the tests itself should only take ten minutes. This will mean all students are ready to come into school for their first day of term on Monday 6 September.

In order for the testing to take place we need a signed Parent/Carer consent form for each new Year 7 student. It is vital that we receive the completed forms by **Monday 19 July**

NHS Test Parent/Carer Consent Form:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4BBjP1dYjUi58A_z9Ourh4_p1hsrt5tLgNiGKeNuJFZUNEFPU01aTEJKWjYyTlpRS0Q3VDJBNVFTVC4u

New Year 7 Tours of Dorothy Stringer School 12 – 15 July

In order to comply with Covid safe measures, please:

- Drop your child at Dorothy Stringer School at the Loder Road Entrance at the time listed.
- Collect your child from the Loder Road Entrance at the time listed.

- Please could all parents and carers wear a face covering when dropping their child at the school gate.
- We also ask that families leave the school site once they have dropped off their child and come back to collect them at the time below; this is to avoid having large groups congregating at the school gate.

Please see below for your child's allocated time:

Date	Arrive at 4pm Collect at 4.30pm	Arrive at 4.45pm Collect at 5.15pm
12 July	Balfour	Downs
13 July	Elm Grove Queens Park	St. Lukes Hertford Juniors
14 July	Carlton Hill Coombe Road Fairlight St Josephs Woodingdean St. Marks Middle Street St. Barts	Stanford Westdene
15 July	Brunswick, Patcham Bilingual Primary, Aldrington, St. Andrews St Bernadettes, St Martins West Park, Windlesham	Barnham, Billingshurst, Montessori, Brighton College, Cottesmore Lancing College, Whitehawk, Meed, Meridian, Saltdean,

The following measures will be implemented during your child's time with us:

- All students will remain in their school bubble throughout their visit.
- Peer mentors and staff will wear a face covering.
- Students are welcome to wear face coverings.
- Students will be asked to sanitise their hands on arrival and departure.
- Students will be socially distanced when necessary e.g., when attending Dorothy Stringer School with students from other primary schools.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact our Admissions Team on admissions@dorothy-stringer.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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Head of Lower School

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