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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we prepare for the start of the new academic year, here are key dates and reminders regarding the start of term arrangements.

Applicaa Online Admissions

Thank you to all parents/carers who have completed the Applicaa online admissions forms so that your child can be enrolled at the academy. If you have not yet completed this, you can do so via this link

<https://cockburnlca.applicaa.com/2> If are experiencing any difficulty with this process, please email transition@cockburnlca.org

Lateral Flow Testing (LFT):

There is an expectation that all secondary school students should receive two on-site lateral flow tests 3–5 days apart and then continue to test twice weekly at home until the end of September, when the government will review. These tests will help staff and students to remain in the academy safely. It is not compulsory to take these tests but the government advises that effective testing will help to stop the virus spreading. Therefore, we advise you to give consent for your child to be tested.

Thank you to all those parents/ carers who have already given consent for the in-school COVID-19 testing for their children. If you have not done so already, to help us reduce the spread of COVID-19, it is not too late to give consent for your child to be tested in the academy by clicking the link below.

Please note that students who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days from their final day of self-isolation should **not be tested** using lateral flow tests. Please note that if your child has a positive LFT in the academy you will be contacted and asked to book and arrange for PCR test to be carried out.

Consent for LFT testing:	Action- what you need to do
My child is starting in Year 7 and I give consent for testing.	Please click the consent link https://forms.gle/zVN6fFvPaxantFwn7
My child is starting in Year 7 and I do not consent for my child to be tested	No action required

Start of Autumn Term Dates and Arrival Times:

In order to ensure we can provide on-site testing for students starting Year 7, we will be operating a phased opening to the academy. To allow us to carefully and safely carry out Lateral Flow Testing as per government guidelines we will be welcoming students into the academy at specific arrival times for your child's first **on-site lateral flow test** at the following times.

Wednesday 8th September:

On-site lateral flow testing for students with consent will arrive at the following times.

08.30 Form Group 7SA	09.30 Form Group 7CG
08.45 Form Group 7DAB	09.45 Form Group 7RC
09.00 Form Group 7JG	10.00 Form Group 7SE
09.15 Form Group 7OD	10.15 Form Group 7RJ

Your child's Form Group information has been provided to parents/carers at the transition event in July and posted out to those parents/carers who were unable to attend in person. If any child has joined Cockburn Laurence Calvert Academy after the transition event during the summer holiday period, we will send you confirmation of the Form Group your child has been allocated.

Students without consent must arrive at 11.00am.

We will carry out one further test in the academy for all those students with consent before providing home test kits and instructions on how to test and share test results with the NHS and the academy.

Thursday 9th September:

All students must arrive by 8:25am, students can access the building from 8:00am.

Uniform, PE Kit and Equipment:

As a reminder, all students must wear full academy uniform from the start of term in September. Parents/carers **can only purchase uniform via the online shop on the academy website**, following which a 'click and collect' slot will be arranged via email. The link to the online shop, alongside sizing guides can be found via our website <https://www.cockburnlca.org/parents-and-carers/uniform/>

On the first day of term for your child, it is essential that students attend in full academy uniform, with all equipment including their PE kit. A list of the uniform, PE kit and equipment requirements can be found on the academy website <https://www.cockburnlca.org/parents-and-carers/uniform/>.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to welcoming your child to the academy on Wednesday 8th September.

Yours sincerely



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