

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

The students are back!

We are delighted to have students back in school after such a long time. They have made a wonderful start and are embracing learning and the 'new norm' to move safely around the school. They are focused and engaged and we are all looking forward to the challenges and rewards this new academic year will bring.

*Mrs S King*  
Headteacher

## Arrival / Entry times from 14 September

In order to allow our year group bubbles to enter the site together, students need to arrive at the entry times below. Students should not arrive more than 5 minutes before the published entry time.

Please note that the Year 8 time is now 5 minutes later, those students should therefore not arrive at the student gate before 8:30am.

Year	Location	Entry time
7	Concorde Drive student gate	8:20am
8	Concorde Drive student gate	8:35am (Note: 5 minutes later than before)
9	Car park gate	8:20am
10	Car park gate	8:45am
11	Concorde Drive student gate	8:50am
12 and 13	Car park gate	8:55am

## Key Diary Dates

Thursday 24 September	Open Evening— <b>REMOTE EVENT</b>
Wednesday 30 September	Year 7 Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 1 October	Y10 & Y11 GCSE Curriculum Evening 'How to Support your Child - <b>REMOTE EVENT</b>
Friday 2 October	Year 7 BBQ - <b>Cancelled</b>

## Local Crisis and Prevention Fund: emergency payments for household goods

Bristol City Council have set up their 'local crisis and prevention fund'. Get help if you cannot afford the basics like food, gas, electricity or house-hold goods and school uniform.

Applications for help with school uniform are taken online only. Help will be in the form of Tesco vouchers for use on school uniform.

Details of the scheme and how to apply can be accessed using this link:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/lcpf>



# Covid Safety

## Reminders for Parents and Student

Please take note of these very important reminders to support the Covid Safety and operational changes in school.

- It is extremely important that students arrive at school on time – which means no more than 5 minutes before their year group's allotted arrival time. Students arriving early causes bunching at the gates and potential for mixing of year groups which needs to be avoided.
- If you are dropping your child off for school, please drop them somewhere well away from the school gates.
- Students arriving through the car park gate should enter the car park (using the pavements) and wait at the inner gate (Visitor Gate). They should not wait outside the main car park gate on Concorde Drive as this again could cause over-crowding of the pavement which needs to be avoided.
- Students using bike shelters to store scooters and bikes must use the shelter nearest to the entrance and exit they use as they follow the one-way system. Year 7, 8 and 11 students should use the bike shelter near to C Block and Year 9 and 10 students should use the bike shelter near to D Block. Students must use locks to secure their scooter or bike.
- Remember that Burghill Road gate is closed.
- When students leave they should not loiter at the school gates, to avoid the next year group leaving.
- Students can wear face masks when they are moving around the school site and in circulation areas – this includes queuing in the Dining Hall and whilst in the Sixth Form Common Room. We request that cloth rather than disposable face masks are used as this reduces any allergy risk and is kinder to the environment. These do, however, need to be washed frequently.
- If students travel by public transport they must remove the face mask they used on their school journey on arrival. Please have a spare.
- Anyone using face masks should have a small plastic bag to keep it in safely.
- If your child is not bringing a packed lunch to school, please ensure that you have activated and topped up the credit on your ParentPay account. This is extremely important as we cannot allow negative balances. Remember that we cannot accept deliveries of forgotten lunch boxes, so as a back-up it is advisable to add some credit to your child's account just in case.
- Please remember that there is no break-time food service currently, so if required please send your child with a nut-free healthy snack for mid-morning break. Also please make sure that they have a water bottle with them.
- Parents cannot enter the school site at any time. This includes making deliveries for students. The School cannot accept items being dropped off for students during the school day including lunch boxes, PE kit etc.
- Students cannot change into PE kit and must wear it on the days they have PE, so please ensure that you and your child know which day this is. They will remain in their PE kit for the whole day.
- Should you need to drop off medicine at school, please call in advance or email [admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk) and we can call you to arrange a time to meet you at the gate to receive the medicine and for completion of the Administration of Medicines form.
- Should your child have an appointment during the school day, please collect them from the Student Gate (note this is different from normal). Please buzz the gate when you arrive and wait for them to be escorted there by a member of staff. When returning from the appointment, students should be dropped at the student gate so that they can sign back in at Student Services.
- If your child has an appointment, please email [admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk) at least 24 hours in advance. Please ask your child to make sure they leave their class and report to Student Services 5 minutes before the time you have agreed to collect them. Please impress on them that this is their responsibility
- Ensure your child has their own equipment for school including stationery and Covid items such as personal hand sanitiser and tissues – all detailed in the Reopening Guidance. This is very important as no equipment can be shared.

Your support with all of this is essential and much appreciated for everyone's safety.

### What to do if your child or someone in your household has COVID-19 Symptoms

It is essential that students self isolate for 14 days if they have Covid-19 symptoms or if they have had a positive test they need to self isolate for 10 days from the test date.

If your child has a positive test it is critical that the School is informed immediately by calling Attendance on 0117 950 8157 or the main school number 0117 959 7200.

If anyone else in the household test positive or has symptoms, students will need to self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

To report absence please use **Study Bugs** or call **0117 950 8157**.

### TikTok Parental Alert

Please be aware that there are reports of a real and particularly nasty viral post that is going round on Tik Tok.

If your child uses the TikTok app, you may want to take a look at the guidance on how to set your child's privacy settings and how you can link a parent's TikTok account to your child's account:

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok#:~:text=TikTok%20requires%20that%20users%20be.plenty%20of%20young%20tween%20users.>

### Job Vacancy—Exams Officer

We are seeking to appoint a suitably qualified professional to co-ordinate the organisation of examinations across the school.

If interested, check out the details via the link below:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/exams-officer-1111418>

Deadline for applications is 9:00am on 21 September 2020.

### Year 7 Flu Vaccinations

**Please return your consent form by 23 September**

The childhood flu programme has been extended by the government to include Year 7 students. The nasal spray flu vaccine will not only help protect your child against flu, the infection will also be less able to spread from them to their family, carers and the wider population.

Here at Bristol Free School, Year 7 Flu vaccinations will take place on Wednesday 30 September 2020. Consent Forms were issued to students on Wednesday. Students should return completed forms to their tutors during tutor period before Wednesday 23 September.

# Help clean up our streets

Join the Great British September Clean



**Mondays to Fridays at 10am each day**  
**Saturdays and Sundays at 2pm each day**

**Litter picks will start at the top of Arnside.**

**\* All welcome \* Equipment provided \* Social distancing \***

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**SEPTEMBER 2020**  
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