



School Opening Arrangements August/September 2021



18 August 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I wish to make you aware that we are yet to receive updated guidance on managing Covid 19 in school. As a result, we taken the decision to phase pupils across a number of days to ensure that Covid 19 protocols in place are fully understood by all pupils. We have received some indication in the media that 'bubbles' may be relaxed to allow pupils to move from class to class, but must wear face coverings for the first 6 weeks of term. If this proves to be the case, we must also ensure that year groups are kept in 'consistent groups' during non-contact times such as break and lunch. This will require planning and organisation to ensure our pupils and staff are kept safe and follow the required Covid 19 protocols.

At Lisneal College we encourage parents and guardians to attend induction days so everyone has a clear understanding of our expectations and hopes for each child. On this occasion, we would ask that only one parent/carer accompanies each child where possible. This will allow us to minimise the number of visitors in school. **All pupils and adults must wear a face covering whilst in the school building. It is important to note that no transport or canteen services are available until 1st September 2021.**

The arrangements for the beginning of term are as follows:

Year 8 Induction	Session Times	School Groups/Notes
23rd August- All Year 8 (Pupils and Parents) Attendees will be split into two groups on arrival. One group will go to the Assembly hall and the other to the Sports hall.	9:30am-10:45am	Pupils and parents/carers joint session Pupils must wear full school uniform
	10:45am-11:30am	Pupils join pupil groups and teachers
	10:45am-11:30am	Parents/carers attend pastoral and learning sessions.
24th August- Pupils Only <i>Year 8 pupils whose surname begins with the letter A-L</i>	9:30am-12:45pm	Pupils will sit assessments that will allow staff to measure each child's attainment, set targets and allocate places in our focused academic band. Pupils must bring a packed lunch. Pupils must wear full school uniform
25th August- Pupils Only <i>Year 8 pupils whose surname begins with the letter M-Z</i>	9:30am-12:45pm	Pupils will sit assessments that will allow staff to measure each child's attainment, set targets and allocate places in our focused academic band. Pupils must bring a packed lunch. Pupils must wear full school uniform

Year 11 Induction	Session Times	School Groups/Notes
31st August- Assembly hall <i>Pupils whose surname begins with the letter A-L should attend with a parent/carer.</i>	9:00am-9:45am	Pupils and parents/carers joint session Pupils must wear full school uniform
<i>Pupils whose surname begins with the letter M-Z should attend with a parent/carer.</i>	10:15am-11:00am	Pupils and parents/carers joint session Pupils must wear full school uniform

Year 13 Induction	Session Times	School Groups/Notes
31st August- Pupils Only Year 13 pupils go to dance Studio	9:00am-10:45am	Pupils must wear full school uniform

Wednesday 1st September 2021 8:50pm-3:15pm Only Years 8, 9, 13 and 14 should attend school	Years 8 and 9 will receive a tour of the school. Due to Covid 19 restrictions in 2020/21 pupils in Year 8 were unable to move around the building. Pupils will be permitted to move around school if new Covid 19 guidance permits. If guidance indicates that 'bubbles' should be in place, Year 8 and 9 form classes will go designated form classes. Years 13 and 14 will follow their normal timetable. Lunch and transport will be provided.
Thursday 2nd September 2021 8:50am-3:15pm Years 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14 should attend school. <i>(Year 12 should not attend school)</i>	All pupils will follow their normal timetable
Friday 3rd September 2021 9:00am-10:10am Year 12 Induction- Assembly hall All Year 12 pupils attend with parent/carer. Normal lessons for remainder of day	Pupils and parents/carers will attend a year 12 induction session. Year 12 pupils will follow normal timetable when the session ends. Pupils must wear full school uniform
Friday 3rd September 2021 All Year Groups in school following normal timetable	

You will see that we have carefully considered the safety and education of our young people when designing our return to school. We would love to have all pupils return together, but the uncertainty around Covid 19 restrictions and a lack of guidance from the Department of Education has meant that we have erred on the side of caution.

We look forward to meeting you and our pupils in the very near future and to the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,



M Allen
Principal