

Tuesday 30th March

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we move toward the end of this most unusual of school terms I am writing to thank everyone; parents, students and staff, for their support through the last twelve months. I will be more specific in the end of term Newsletter but never have I been so proud of the Langtree community as I have with how we have got through the worst (we hope) of this crisis together. We are now looking forward to the summer term with optimism and in the hope that, although restrictions will remain, we can move towards a more normal life - both in school and in our everyday lives.

A few operational reminders before we can all enjoy the spring sunshine.

Timetable

With the clocks having changed, and in the hope of warmer and dryer weather the lunch time will revert to its full forty-five minutes from the start of next term. This means students will work to the following times

Wave 1 (Year 7, 9, 11)	Start 8:50am	Break 11am - 11:20am	Lunch 1.00 - 1:45pm	Buses 3:30pm
Wave 2 (Year 8, 10)	Start 9:20am	Break 11:50 - 12:10pm	Lunch 1:50 - 2:35pm	Buses 4pm

Lateral Flow Testing

All students should now have been issued with a second batch of home testing kits. If your child has not been issued with 2 more packs (making a total of 4 packs issued so far) they should see Mrs Taylor-Lane to collect them tomorrow. Students are required to continue testing twice per week for the foreseeable future, including throughout the Easter holidays. Please ensure all results are logged with the NHS and on our School LFT log. Full details can be found on the relevant page of the school website, https://langtreeschool.com/notices/covid-19-testing

Trips and Visits

Unfortunately it has been necessary to cancel our traditional end of year activities week. However, we are hoping to put together a programme of covid secure enrichment activities for the last week of term. Furthermore, due to ongoing covid restrictions and uncertainty we have made the decision that we will not be able to run any overseas trips until January 2022 at the earliest.

Uniform

Students are now expected to wear full school uniform. Since the students have returned, we have tried to be sympathetic, particularly on colder days, and have not always sanctioned students who were wearing additional layers or non school shoes. From after the Easter holiday, we will have to impose detentions for any students not complying with our expectations regarding uniform. Please take the opportunity to ensure students' skirts are of an appropriate length (to the knee). That school shoes meet our uniform expectations and students should all be wearing school jumpers / cardigans as their top layer of uniform. Uniform expectations can be found <u>here</u>.

Masks

When the government made the wearing of masks an expectation at all times in schools, we were told they would review this at Easter. At the time of writing, I have not received any revision to this and therefore am planning that the policy will need to continue next term. Should the rules be relaxed, a face covering will remain a part of a students' expected equipment - so as they can be worn in the event that a member of staff considers them to be a sensible precaution for a specific activity when social distancing may be difficult eg when carrying out practical work or when in a face to face discussion with a partner.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Simon Bamford Headteacher

After Easter - Full Timings							
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11		
Start	08:50	09:20	08:50	09:20	08:50		
AM Tutor	8:50 - 9:20	-	8:50 - 9:20	-	8:50 - 9:20		
Lesson 1	9:20 - 11:00	9:20 - 11:00	9:20 - 11:00	9:20 - 11:00	9:20 - 11:00		
Lesson 2	-	11:00 - 11:50	-	11:00 - 11:50	-		
1st Break	11:00 - 11:20 (U.Canteen / Playground 1)	11:50 - 12:10 (L.Canteen / Playground 1)	11:00 - 11:20 (Hall / Playground 2)	11:50 - 12:10 (U.Canteen / Playground 2)	11:00 - 11:20 (Lower canteen/field)		
Lesson 2 (cont)	11:20 - 1:00	12:10 - 1:00	11:20 - 1:00	12:10 - 1:00	11:20 - 1:00		
Lesson 3	-	1:00 - 1:50		1:00 - 1:50			
LUNCH	1:00 - 1:45 (U.Canteen / Playground 1)	1:50 - 2:35 (L.Canteen / Playground 1)	1:00 - 1:45 (Hall / Playground 2)	1:50 - 2:35(U.Canteen / Playground 2)	1:00 - 1:45 (L.Canteen / field)		
Lesson 3 (cont)	1:50-3:30	2:40 - 3:30	1:50-3:30	2:40 - 3:30	1:50-3:30		
PM Tutor	-	3:30 pm	-	3:30 pm	-		
Home	3:30 pm	4:00 pm	3:30 pm	4:00 pm	3:30 pm		