

Welcome to TCES autumn term

We hope you have had an enjoyable summer holidays and we are looking forward to welcoming pupils back to school and to introducing new pupils who start with us this term.

There are some important messages that parents/carers need to be aware of as we reopen school, so please take a few minutes to read these below.

Further helpful information on school term dates, school uniform and useful links can be found on the website under [Parents & Carers Information](#).

School term – start and breakfast

Monday 6 September is an induction day for our staff.

Tuesday 7 September is the first day for all pupils. Please ensure your child arrives in good time for the start of the school day arriving by 8.45am so they can settle for the start of the school day. Breakfast will be available.

Transport

Please ensure you have arranged transport with your local authority contact for the term.

School Uniform

Pupils are required to wear school uniform and details can be found on the [website](#).


Attendance and punctuality

School attendance is mandatory, and we require parents and carers to support their child to attend school every day. Please ensure that your child is up and ready for school and transport and able to start the school day promptly.

COVID-19 update

You may be aware that government guidance has been reissued for schools, including independent schools, which TCES will be following. Please abide by the following to ensure we can keep our pupils and staff safe and minimise any disruption due to COVID-19.

- Pupils and staff are not required to wear face coverings in school, however, pupils who wish to wear them may do so
- We encourage pupils to take a lateral flow test twice a week to check they do not have COVID-19– this is not mandatory
- Whilst pupils are not required to take a lateral flow test, we can support testing at school with parental consent
- We are not required to social distance in school, although we should remain vigilant

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- It is essential that we all practice good hand hygiene, washing hands regularly for a minimum of 20 seconds and using hand sanitizer regularly throughout the day – pupils will be reminded of this in school
 - If a pupil becomes unwell and displays signs of COVID-19, we will contact parents/carers immediately to arrange their collection from school. We will implement the TCES COVID-19 protocols, based on government guidelines should a pupil or member of staff test positive for COVID-19 and will inform all relevant parties as required.
 - For further information about the current guidance, click here: www.gov.uk/coronavirus.

Further information about our schools and services is available at: www.tces.org.uk/schools.